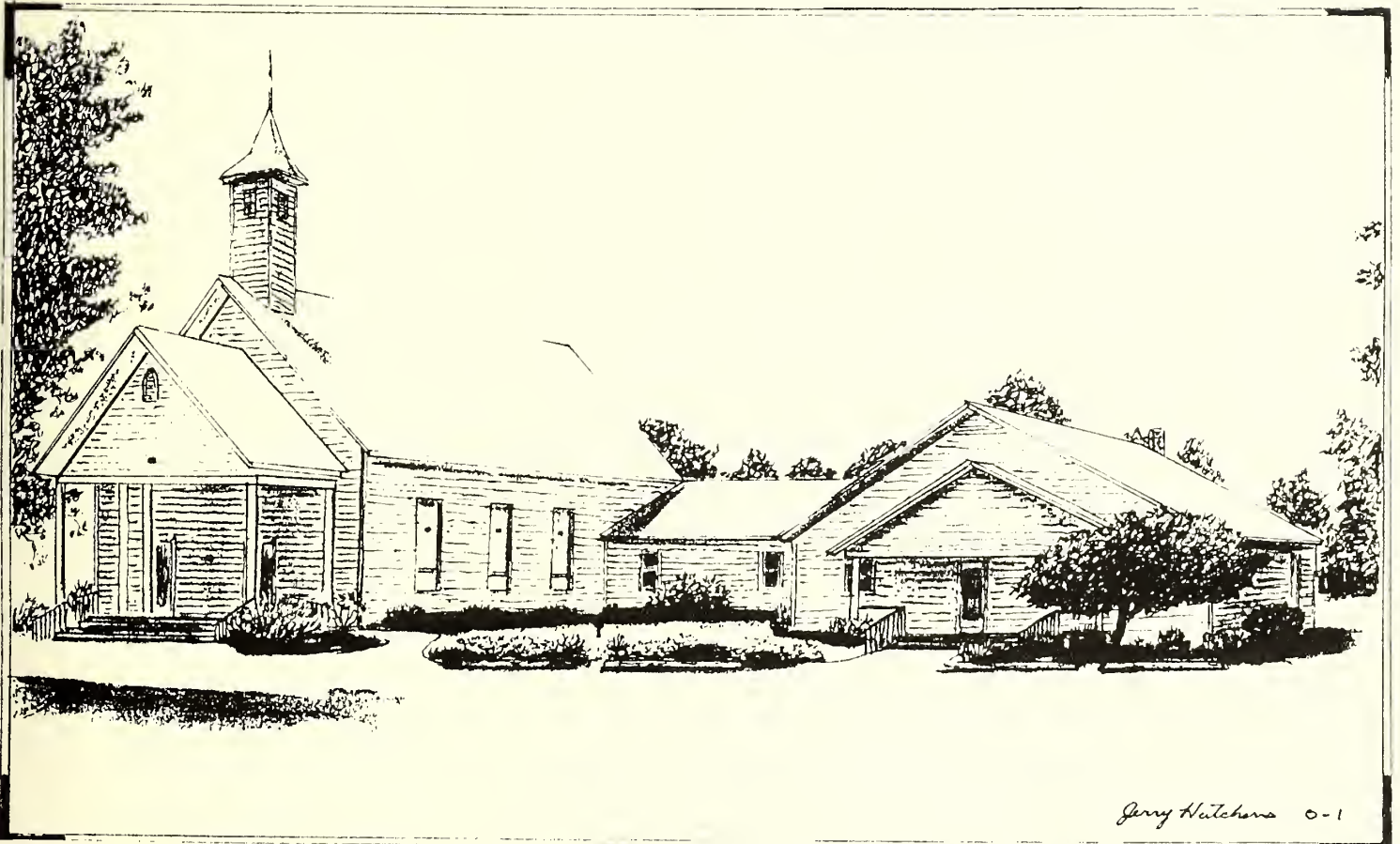


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## **Greetings!**

It is my honor to be among the first to welcome you to the “pages of the past” as we read the following reflections and memories by many members and former members of Zion Baptist Church.

Zion has a rich and interesting history. Though small in size in those first days, Zion has continued to be a lighthouse to this community to point others to a saving and redeeming knowledge of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

God has richly blessed His church from her humble beginnings with men and women of faith, character, integrity and vision. Many of the names that you will read about in the historical minutes and personal memories section have made sacrifices for their faith and religious beliefs so that we can worship freely today.

Though the names and faces have changed through the years, the goal and purpose of our church has remained the same: lifting up the name of Christ so others can be drawn to Him.

Even though not all members have included their personal memories of past church days in this booklet, each member does have a personal story of salvation to tell. Each member of our family of faith is an integral part of the ministry and outreach of the church. Our aim is to be witnesses for Christ daily.

With Christ as our ever-constant guide, we can reach our goal of winning our community to Christ. As the people of God, our theme is love; our goal is Christ likeness; and our strength is fellowship.

It is my prayer that the unity of our people will continue to be symbolic of our purpose so that we will always, “love one another as Christ has loved us.” Happy 175<sup>th</sup>!!!

Thank you for your partnership in the task!!! (Philippians 1:2-6).

**Dennis J. Shaw, Pastor**



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## INTRODUCTION

In an article I wrote for the *Iredell County Heritage Book Vol. II*, I wrote that we don't know where we are going if we don't know where we came from. This is also true of our church and spiritual life as well.

If we don't realize the point from which we arose from in our "Spiritual Life" we probably would never change from our old and down trodden ways into the spiritual "Light of the world" and "Salt of the Earth". Therefore we need to realize our past history as well as our source of strength for the days to come.

It is also important to know our past history to realize the struggles that our forefathers went through to make the situations of life as well as they are for us. Some one had to make sacrifices in the past and we are very appreciative for their hard work and time spent.

Much emphasis is put into this work for genealogical purposes. For those who study, research and want to know their genealogy, they realize that church records are an excellent place to find out where their ancestors were during specific time periods and often find birth and death records there too.

So, it is with much thought and fear that something will be left out or missed that should be included that I wanted to read and share some of Zion Baptist Church's history from our beginnings in 1825 to the present time. If you know of facts that should have been added that were left out or you have a personal memory that should have been included, PLEASE feel free to contact me to add to this writing. I hope that especially in the "Personal Memories" section that MANY, MANY new stories will be turned in and a Vol. II. can be put together. Also if you have pictures other than those printed here that you would or could share, it would be greatly appreciated.

Music is a very important part of our church life. With that thought in mind a song or hymn will be used in the beginning of each section when possible.

From what I had planned in the beginning when I wanted to get this information together, very little of it is contained in these pages. Hopefully next year or in the future someone will get around to some of the following: typing all the minutes from the beginning of Zion Baptist Church to that present time, get together a complete as possible listing of all Deacons, Clerks, Sunday School Directors and teachers, other Sunday School information, financial statements, and other materials which may have been left out of this material.

Thanks, Mike Trivette

PS Many Thanks to Miss Bessie Cook who put together our history for our 150th Anniversary in 1976. That is the foundation for this work.



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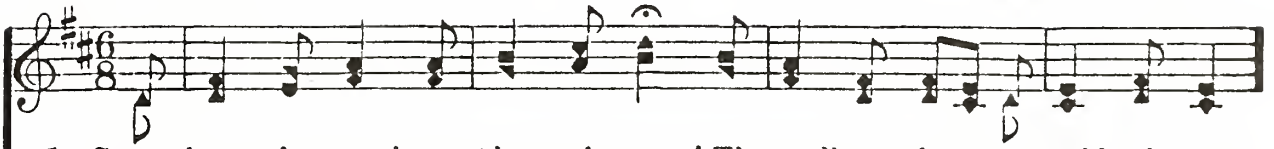
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# Sweet Hour of Prayer

W. W. WALFORD

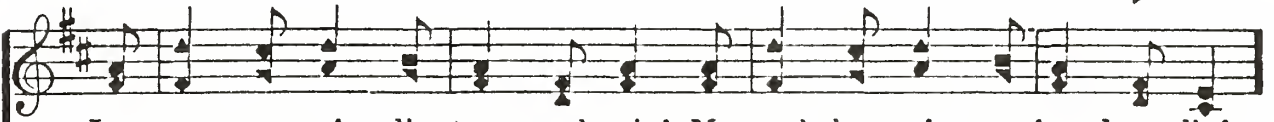
WM. B. BRADBURY



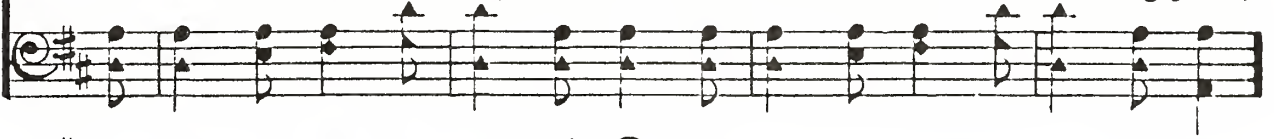
1. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! That calls me from a world of care,
2. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! Thy wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear
3. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! May I thy con - so - la - tion share,



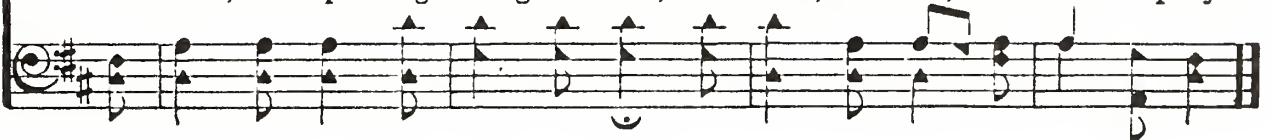
And bids me at my Fa-ther's throne Make all my wants and wish-es known;  
To Him whose truth and faith-ful-ness En-gage the wait-ing soul to bless;  
Till, from Mount Pisgah's loft - y height, I view my home, and take my flight:



In sea - sons of dis - tress and grief, My soul has of - ten found re - lief,  
And since He bids me seek His face, Be - lieve His Word and trust His grace,  
This robe of flesh I'll drop, and rise To seize the ev - er - last - ing prize;



And oft es - caped the tempt - er's snare By thy re - turn, sweet hour of prayer.  
I'll cast on Him my ev - ery care, And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.  
And shout, while passing through the air, Farewell, farewell, sweet hour of prayer.





## I. DEDICATION-MEMORIAL PAGE

This book is dedicated to those in our church family who has died since our gathering in 1976 for our 150th Anniversary. Their names were extracted from the annual minutes of the Yadkin Baptist Association. It is to our memories of these people that we pay special tribute. As we pause to remember these former members, we need to realize that we are the future of Zion Baptist Church and it is up to us to make memories of the generation coming up. With special memories of those who have lead in the past we dedicate this history of Zion Baptist Church 2001 to you.

1976- Kaylee Hoots Rosacker, Mr. Hubert Chaffin

1977- Mrs. Winnie Hoots Journey, Mrs. Della Trivette Elledge, Mrs. Nettie C. VanHoy

1978- Miss Cordia Parks, Mrs. Blanche Tutterow Holland, Mrs. Clyde Jennings Feimster

1979- Mrs. Paul Swanson, Mrs. Georgia Sharpe Campbell, Mr. Morrison Windsor

1980- Mr. Royal Reid, Mrs. Julia Myers Cooper Chaffin

1981- Mr. Press Crater, Mr. Berlie Trivette, Mrs. Pearl Parks Cooper.

1982- None

1983- Mr. Clay Myers, Mrs. Laura Hobson Myers, Miss Hattie Trivette, Mrs. Nyolene Cook Marlin, Mrs. Sina Tutterow Brown, Mr. Parks Bridges

1984- Mrs. Nannie Belle Wallace Campbell, Mrs. Floy Mullis, Mrs. Thelma Parks

1985- Mr. Gaston J. Myers, Mrs. Edna Mullis.

1986- Mrs. Mable Cooper Brown, Mrs. Shirley Wall Crews, Mr. Johnny Trivette, Mr. Jess Tulbert

1987- Mrs. Florence Cook, Mr. R. B. Holland, Mr. Claud Howard

1988- Mr. Brice Campbell, Mrs. Olene Steelman Trivette



1989- Mrs. Patty Hoskins, Mr. L. P. Somers

1990- Mrs. Zelda Howard Brohill, Mrs. Ruby W. Parks, Mrs. Connie S. Reid, Mr. Paul Swanson, Miss Coetta Trivette, Mr. Harvey Trivette

1991- Mr. Hal Dobson, Mr. Bill Feimster, Mrs. Anna Lou Sale Henderson, Mr. Paul Henderson

1992- Mrs. Angie Jennings Feimster

1993- Miss Linda Chaffin, Mr. Larry Dobson, Mrs. Frances Mann, Mr. Charlie R. Parks, Miss Lucy E. Parks,

1994- Mr. Alvin Jenkins, Mrs. Flossie Brown Reavis, Miss Viola Trivette

1995-

1996- Mr. Paul Windsor, Mr. Timmy Bridges, Mrs. Polly Tulbert Jordan, Mrs. Rose Brown McCollum, Mr. Alvis Gray Allen, Mrs. Annie Trivette Mauldin, Mrs. Kathleen Henderson Templeton.

1997- Mrs. Dorothy Proctor Bridges, Mr. J. D. Hoots, Mr. Bruce Templeton, Mr. Paul Tulbert

1998-Mr. William Chuter, Miss Stella Mae Johnson

1999-Mrs. Hazel Campbell Allen, Mr. Jim Monico, Mrs. Eugenia Lynn Shuffler

2000- Mrs. Margaret Cass, Miss Bessie Cook, Mr. Waldo Hoots

2001- Miss Mindy Hardy, Mrs. Nancy Ijames Myers, Mr. Leon Thomasson,

Mrs. Beulah Mae Tulbert



# Where We'll Never Grow Old

JAS. C. MOORE

(Dedicated to my Father and Mother)

JAS. C. MOORE

*Effectively*

1. I have heard of a land on the far - a - way strand, 'Tis a  
2. In that beau - ti - ful home where we'll nev - er - more roam, We shall  
3. When our work here is done and the life-crown is won, And our

beau - ti - ful home of the soul; Built by Je - sus on high, there we  
be in the sweet by and by; Hap - py praise to the King through e -  
trou - bles and tri - als are o'er, All our sor - row will end, and our

nev - er shall die, 'Tis a land where we nev - er grow old.  
ter - ni - ty sing, 'Tis a land where we nev - er shall die.  
voic - es will blend With the loved ones who've gone on be - fore.

## CHORUS

Nev - er grow old. nev - er grow old, In a land where we'll never grow old;  
Where we'll

Nev - er grow old. nev - er grow old, In a land where we'll never grow old.  
Where we'll







NOVEMBER 4  
1990



1) Willie Mae Tulbert (member longest)



2) Anna Myers Robbins (oldest member)



3) Annie Dickerson Trivette

## II. RECOGNITION OF THE OLDEST MEMBERS OF ZION

Its hard to recognize just one oldest member of the church so I would like to break it up into two parts.....the person who has been a member of Zion the longest period of time and those persons who are over ninety years of age.

### A.

The person who has been a member the longest is Mrs. Willie Mae Sale Tulbert. She joined the church August 16, 1930 and was Baptized on October 5, 1930. We salute you for being a member for the longest period of time at Zion. **THANKS FOR YOUR YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO ZION.**

### B.

There are two people who are members of Zion who are or are over ninety years of age. Both these ladies are young in spirit.

Our oldest member is Mrs. Anna White Myers Robbins. Anna was born August 23, 1906. She joined Zion Baptist Church August 27, 1949. She was married to Shady Myers. We salute you for all the inspiration you have given as an active member of Zion Baptist church. In recent months and years you have not been able to attend like you once did and, as you would like to, but we think of you and keep you in our prayers. **THANKS FOR YOUR YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO ZION.**

Our second oldest member we want to recognize is Mrs. Annie Dickerson Trivette. Ann was born January 17, 1911. She married Berlie Marshal Trivette in June 1938. She joined Zion on September 27, 1947. To this day Ann is active in Sunday School as well as attending the worship services and Revivals and other special gatherings. Aunt Ann you are an inspiration to all of us by your dedication and service. **THANKS FOR YOUR YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO ZION.**



# He Leadeth Me

JOSEPH H. GILMORE

WILLIAM B. BRADBURY



1. He lead-eth me! O bless-ed tho't! O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
2. Sometimes 'mid scenes of deep-est gloom, Some-times where Eden's bowers bloom,
3. Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine, Nor ev - er mur-mur nor re - pine,
4. And when my task on earth is done, When, by Thy grace, the victory's won,



What-e'er I do, wher-e'er I be, Still 'tis God's hand that lead-eth me.  
By wa - ters still, o'er trou-bled sea,—Still 'tis His hand that lead-eth me!  
Con - tent, what-ev - er lot I see, Since 'tis my God that lead-eth me!  
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee, Since God thro' Jor-dan lead-eth me.



## REFRAIN



He lead-eth me, He lead - eth me, By His own hand He lead-eth me:



His faith-ful fol-lower I would be, For by His hand He lead-eth me.





### **III. PASTORS OF ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**

#### **ELDER HARRIS STANEY 1826 - 1829**

Zion Baptist Church in northern Iredell County North Carolina started her history under the watch-care and ministry of Elder Harris Stanley in July 1826. He served the church as pastor for three years and three months. During his service, the church grew by thirty-one members. Twenty-seven were received by experience, five were received by letter and one was excluded.

#### **ELDER JOHN WALKER 1830 - 1831**

Elder John Walker took the pastoral care of the church in November 1830 and served one year. During this time, two members join by experience.

#### **ELDER ROBERT PARDUE 1831 - 1837**

Elder Robert Pardue took charge of the church in September 1831 and served six years. During his tenure of service as pastor, the church received by experience twelve members, six by letter and dismissed twelve by letter. Five were excluded and two were lost by death.

#### **ELDER WILLIAM GARNER 1837 - 1845**

Elder William Garner took the church as pastor in September 1837 and served six years. During his service, the church received thirty-four by experience, ten by letter, dismissed ten by letter, excluded five, and lost one by death.

#### **ELDER ZACHARIAH B. ADAMS 1847 – 1849**

Elder Zachariah B. Adams took charge of the church as pastor in November 1847 and served two years. During his time, the church received twenty- seven members, by letter three, dismissed one, and lost one by death.

#### **ELDER SOLOMON D. SWAIM 1849 - 1864**

Elder Solomon D. Swaim took charge of the church in January 1849, and served fifteen years as pastor. During his service, the church received one hundred seven by experience, sixteen by letter, dismissed by letter twelve, excluded ten, and lost five by death.





**ELDER RICHARD W. WOOTEN 1864 - 1865**

Elder Richard W. Wooten took charge in July 1864 and served one year as pastor. The church received seven by experience, and excluded one.

**REV. THOMAS HOWELL 1866 - 1868**

Rev. Howell served three years as pastor, from March 1866 until September 1868. The church received nineteen members by experience, seven by letter, dismissed fifteen by letter, and excluded five.

**REV. ISRAEL HOLLAR 1868 - 1869**

Reverend Israel Hollar was called as pastor and served only four months, from September 1868 until January 1869. The church received four members by experience and one by letter.

**REV. YOUNG JORDAN 1869 - 1870**

The Rev. Young Jordan served as pastor one year. He was called in February 1869 and served until February 1870. The church received eight by experience and eight by letter, dismissed by letter six, and excluded one.

**REV. THOMAS PARIS 1870 - 1875**

Rev. Thomas Paris (or Parrish) was called in March 1870 and served until December 1875. During this time the church received thirty-one members by experience, eight by letter, excluded five, dismissed eight by letter, and one deceased.

**REV. WILLIAM GREEN BROWN 1876 - 1879**

Rev. William G. Brown served as pastor of the church from January 1876 until December 1879, serving four years. The church received forty-three by experience, three by letter, dismissed by letter one, and excluded one.

**REV. WILLIAM ALMON MYERS 1879 - 1889**

William Almon Myers was born July 15, 1833. He was the son of Shadrick and Hessie Windsor Myers. He was married on September 30, 1856 to Lemariah Emaline Jennings. He bought land and built a home in the Somers Township of Wilkes County. To this union were born eleven children. Those who grew up, married and died in the Union Church



community were Delia M. Crater, Sarah M. Casey, William Gus Myers, Elizabeth M. Howard, Addie M. Sale and Margaret M. Rash.

William A. Myers was a member of Zion Baptist Church where he served as a deacon of the church and also served as clerk of the church from 1866 until October 1870. He was the first minister that we have a record of that came out of the membership of the church. He was ordained as a minister in September 1868. Rev. Thomas Howell and Rev. William G. Brown examined him in the ordination. The church presented a Bible to Rev. Myers. He was called as pastor of Zion in December 1879 He resigned in October 1889. During this time the church received eighty members by baptism, six by letter, and four were excluded.

“Uncle Billy” as he was usually called, was also a farmer. He died suddenly on June 24, 1912. He fell from his buggy as he was returning from Briar Creek Church, where he had preached his last sermon, using the text of John 19:30-“*It is finished*”. He is buried in the Zion Cemetery.

### **REV. J. P. GWALTNEY 1889-1891**

Rev. Mr. J. P. (Jay) Gwaltney accepted the call of the church in October 1889 and served until November 1891, serving two years. The church received eight members by baptism, one by letter, dismissed ten by letter and excluded five.

### **REV. V. M. SWAIN 1892-1896**

Rev. V. M. Swain was called as a pastor in January 1892 and served until May 1896, serving four years and four months. The church received thirty-one by baptism, nine by letter, and excluded six.

### **REV. E. N. GWYN 1896-1899**

Rev. Newt Gwyn was called as a pastor in May 1896 and served until October 1899. The church records show that he was one of the outstanding leaders of the church before and after serving as a pastor. Prior to serving as pastor he served as a deacon and church clerk. Following the three years he was pastor, he was an assistant pastor to Jay Gwaltney He was remembered as a man with great humility and had a great love for the church and the people of the church. He is the second member that we have a record of that became a pastor of the church.



### **REV. J. P. GWALTNEY 1899-1901**

The Rev. J. P. Gwaltney (Jay) Gwaltney accepted the second call as pastor on the condition that the Rev. E. N. Gwyn serve as assistant pastor. He served as minister from October 1899 until January 1901. He was called again as pastor in 1901 and served from January 1901 until November 1901. Rev. W. E. Linney, in his book School of the Prophets, describes Rev. J. P. Gwaltney as "a man possessing a vivacious personality, wit, and resourcefulness, and at the same time reverence. Also, that his whole life in the ministry was spent in a most unselfish and untiring effort to lead men to Christ, and as the years multiplied this passion grew." He lived to the age of ninety-two years, and was buried at Linney's Grove April 8, 1932.

### **REV. WILLIAM T. COMER 1902-1905**

William T. Comer was called as pastor in September 1901, effective in January 1902. He resigned in November 1905, having served three years. Mr. Comer was also a schoolteacher. He was admired by all that knew him.

### **REV. W. A. MYERS 1906-1908**

This was the second time Rev. William A. Myers was called as pastor. He served this time from January 1906 until November 1908.

### **REV. WILLIAM ERNEST LINNEY 1908-1911**

William Ernest Linney, Baptist minister and author, was born in Alexander County, North Carolina, December 3, 1883. He was the son of Joseph W. and Sue Smith Linney. Mr. Linney was graduated from Concord High School, Concord, N. C., and completed his scholastic education at Wake Forest College.

Mr. Linney was married in 1906 to Miss Florence Poole also from Alexander County and daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Daniel W. Poole. To them were born six sons and six daughters.

Mr. Linney was called as pastor in November 1908 and resigned in December 1911

### **REV. T. E. REDMON 1912-1918**

Mr. Redmon was pastor from January 1912 until August 1918. He was remembered as a minister always working to make improvements as a pastor and was well liked by everyone.



### **REV. JOSEPH N. BINKLEY 1918-1919**

Rev. J. N. Binkley was supply pastor from September 1918 until July 1919.

### **REV. R. N. GARNER 1919-1927**

Rev. Garner was called as pastor in September 1919 and resigned in December 1927. He was well liked by the people and several new members were added while he was pastor.

### **REV. WILLIAM ERNEST LINNEY 1929-1937**

This was the second time that Mr. Linney served as pastor of Zion Baptist Church. His first was from 1908- 1911. This service was from 1929-1937 at his death.

For thirty-two years Mr. Linney served as pastor of many churches in western North Carolina. At the time of his death, October 13, 1937, he was pastor of Pilot Mountain having served his twenty-second year there and was also serving Ronda, Flat Rock, and Zion. Other pastorates included Wilkesboro, Oakwoods, Yadkinville, Jonesville, Hiddenite, Walnut Grove, Bethany, and Little Rock. During the latter years of his life he devoted much time to writing and his book The School Of The Prophets was widely distributed in the state.

### **REV. GUS MYERS 1937-1939**

Mr. Gus Myers was called as pastor at Zion in December 1937. He had been doing supply work for other pastors whenever they needed assistance. He resigned as pastor in September 1939.

### **REV. GRADY DURAN WHITE 1939-1961**

Rev. Grady D. White was pastor at Zion from September 1939 until March 1961. While he was pastor at Zion, one hundred twenty-nine members joined by baptism, he had helped in seventy-seven funerals at Zion. He also performed many weddings.

Rev. White was born August 2, 1892 in Iredell County NC. He was the tenth child of eleven children. He married Mary Jane Holland on February 28, 1915. Mrs. White recalled, "We were married at the home of my father John Tillman Holland. The ceremony took place at 1:00 PM on Sunday afternoon. We ate dinner there and went to Ham's Grove Church for the service that afternoon. We returned to my home for supper and then, driving a mule hitched to a buggy, the happy couple made their way to his





father's house where we made our home until Grady's death almost 52 years later." To this union were born two children, Annie Marie White and Grady Duran White Jr.

Rev. White was ordained as a Minister at Ham's Grove Baptist Church on December 17, 1927. During his long and active career as a minister he preached revivals at 60 different churches, returning to some many times. He was pastor at the following churches during his ministry: Ham's Grove, Damascus, Sulfur Springs, New Prospect, Hebron, Pleasant Grove, Grassy Knob, Elkin Valley, Fair View, Mt. Vernon, Taylor Springs, Dennysville, Flat Rock, Holly Springs and Zion.

During his ministry his wife Mary Holland White kept a diary of events of his ministry. He assisted in 2,021 funerals, married 574 couples and baptized 2,387 people.

The people who knew him will long remember Mr. White's sincerity and dedication to the ministry. According to a newspaper article he pastored nine churches at the same time. In those days most churches had preaching services only two times per month. Many times he would leave one church after preaching and go directly to another to preach again that afternoon.

After his heart attack in 1959, he was unable to attend regularly. He died on February 11, 1967 at 74 years of age. His funeral was held at Mount Vernon where he was also buried. There were 34 preachers present at his funeral. His only request was that the entire congregation sing the song "O' Come Angel Band". He will long be remembered for his love and dedication to all he served.

## **REV. EUGENE BURRIS**

1958-1960 served as Youth Director

1961-1965 served as Pastor

Eugene graduated from Albemarle High School in 1956. He attended Mars Hill College from 1956-1958. He came to Zion September 19, 1958 as a Youth Worker, while Rev. Grady White was pastor. While he was serving as a Youth Worker at Zion, he also attended Wake Forest University and graduated from there in 1960. From 1960-1963 he taught at West Yadkin High School. On December 27, 1963, he married Miss Betty Clark.

It was during this time that the need arose for a new educational facility. Construction was begun in the spring of 1963. The new facility consisted of 5 classrooms, children's nursery, an office and indoor bathroom facilities on the main floor with a kitchen and fellowship hall in the basement.



Mr. Burris resigned as pastor at Zion on May 9, 1965 to accept a call to Highland Baptist Church in Raleigh N.C. He served as Pastor of Highland Baptist Church from 1965 -1967. He attended Southeastern Seminary, graduating from there in 1967 with a Bachelor of Divinity degree. In 1968 he accepted a call to Deep Creek Baptist Church and came back to Yadkin County and stayed there until 1974 when he went to Main Street Baptist Church, in Emporia, Virginia.

### **REV. R. E. ADAMS 1965-1966**

Mr. Adams served as Interim Pastor from May 1965-66 to April 1966 when he left to become an interim pastor at Elkin Valley Church.

### **REV. DOCTOR CARLTON MITCHELL 1966**

In July of 1966 Dr. Carlton Mitchell, from Wake Forest University was asked to serve as interim pastor. He served from July to October of that year.

He returned as our Homecoming speaker in July of 2000.

### **REV. JAMES D. HALL Sr. 1966-1969**

James D. Hall was born May 21, 1933. He married Barbara Thompson on December 23, 1954. They have three children James Donald "Don" Hall Jr., Robert Kent Hall and LisaRose Hall Chavis.

Jim graduated from Pocomoke City High School and then attended Mars Hill College for two years. He also went to Frostburg State in Frostburg Maryland and pastored two missions while there. He also went to Campbell College in Buies Creek NC. He has attended the School of Pastoral Care at Baptist Hospital in Winston Salem. He has also been certified by the Billy Graham School of Evangelism. He has spent time in Israel studying and participating in archaeological digs. He has done extensive study on Israel and Jewish customs, and is considered to be an expert on the subject by many pastors.

Rev. James D. Hall was called as pastor at Zion in November 1966. He was ordained as a minister at Moravian Falls Baptist Church following his call as pastor of Zion. A new pastorium was built while he served as pastor and his family was the first to live in it.

The Halls came to Zion in the fall of 1966. He resigned as pastor January 1969. They then went to Antioch Baptist Church in Winston Salem from 1969 to February of 1972. From there they moved to Mint Hill Baptist Church in Charlotte, NC. They stayed there until August of 1974 and have



been at Lamp Light Baptist Church in Charlotte since that time. He has just retired on June 30, 2001.

In 1993 he spent 6 weeks in New Zealand teaching. He went to Belarus in 1995 and returned again to help deliver humanitarian aid and to minister to invalids of Chernobyl. From 1987- 1991, he prayed for the Mayor of Charlotte weekly in her office.

The Halls have six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

For other personal and memorable info see the personal memory section.

### **REV. L. GRADY BURGESS 1969**

Rev. Grady Burgess had retired as Associational Missionary of the Yadkin Baptist Association when he was asked to serve as interim pastor. He served from February 9, 1969 until December 14, 1969. Grady was a "home grown" boy. He grew up on the family farm about a mile and half from the church. He married Annie Cooper who was a member of Zion. He pastored many churches in N.C. before retiring in the Yadkinville area.

### **REV. SIDNEY RAY GRIMES 1970-1975**

Rev. Sidney R. Grimes was born February 1, 1925. He married Miss Nancy Wilkes on February 25, 1945. Mrs. Grimes died on March 17, 1998. They had the following children, Dr. Sidney R. Grimes Jr., Robert Wayne Grimes and Deborah Leila Grimes Radiolias.

Mr. Grimes graduated from Altavista High School. He served in the Navy two and one half years. In 1951, at the age of twenty-seven, he was called to the ministry. He attended Mars Hill College for two years, Wake Forest University one semester, and graduated from Baylor University in Waco, Texas in 1954. He began his ministry in Texas. He attended Southeastern Seminary in 1955-1966.

He served the following churches:

He pastored Ireland Baptist Church in Ireland, Texas for 1 year; Yadkin Baptist Church in Statesville for 2 ½ years; West Asheboro Baptist in Asheboro, NC for 4 ½ years; Society Baptist Church 5 ½ years; Zion Baptist for 5 ½ years; Society Baptist a second time for 8 ½ years and was at Calvary Baptist at Mocksville for 2 ½ years.

He was called as pastor at Zion in January 1970 after serving five and one-half years, he resigned in June 1975 to return to pastor Society Baptist Church for the second time.



He was also a schoolteacher and taught at Oakwood Junior High, Statesville, N.C.

“It was a great joy to serve Zion Church and to remember the members as real Christian friends as well as brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus. I look forward to our heavenly home meeting when Jesus comes.”

Mr. Hubert Mauldin served as chairman of the pulpit committee to bring Rev. Grimes to Zion.

### **REV. DAVID WINSTON HARTZOG, III 1975-1977**

David Hartzog was the seventh of a family of ten children. He has served as the pastor of North Beaver, Orion, and Bethel Baptist Churches. He has also served as interim pastor of Union Grove, Charity, and Zion Baptist Churches. David was active in all phases of work in the church while he was serving as interim pastor at Zion.

### **REV. GRADY J. TRIVETTE: 1977-1980**

Rev. Grady Trivette and his family accepted the call to come to Zion in the early winter of 1976 and a reception was held for them in mid February of 1977. Just a few short weeks later he conducted his first funeral at Zion, that being Della Trivette Elledge. The Trivette's were at Zion approximately 4 years and left in 1980.

Grady was born on August 27, 1939. He married Nancy Carolyn Baity on May 28, 1960. He along with his wife Carolyn and four sons Darrell, Brent, Scott and David were very active in all phases of the church work. During this time RA'S (Royal Ambassador's) and GA's (Girls Auxiliary) became active again after some years of dormancy.

Other churches Grady has served as Pastor are: West Bend Baptist in Lewisville, Siloam Baptist in Windsor NC, West Yadkin Baptist in Hamptonville, Oak Grove Baptist in Mount Airy, Mountain Park Baptist in State Road NC, and is currently at Bethel Baptist in Yadkinville.

Those serving on the pulpit committee that brought Rev. Trivette to Zion were Wayne Campbell Chairman, Gwennie Howard, Laura Nell Myers, Mike Howard and Mike Trivette.

### **Rev. BILL KIMBERLIN**

Rev, Bill Kimberlin served as an interim pastor during the period of time between Rev, Grady Trivette and Rev. Joey Tomlin.





**REV. CHARLES J. “JOEY” TOMLIN: 1981-1986**

Joey was born May 29, 1957. On April 20, 1980 he married Teresa. They have one daughter Ahna Elizabeth Tomlin.

Joey graduated from North Iredell High School. He also graduated from Gardner-Webb University in 1979 with a Bachelor of Arts in Religion, Cum Laude, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1986 with a Master of Divinity. Currently he is working on a Doctorate of Ministry degree at Baptist Theological Seminary Richmond Virginia with anticipated graduation in May of 2002 or 2003. Additional studies in German Language and Culture at Goethe Institute and the University of Europe in Germany.

The Tomlins have served in the following churches; New Hope Baptist, Statesville 1979-1981; Zion Baptist 1981- 1986; Pleasant Grove Baptist, Shelby 1986-1990; Commissioned as a Missionary Church Planter in Eastern Germany 1990-1996; Senior Pastor of Southeast Baptist, Greensboro 1996-2001; and is currently Senior Pastor of New Bessemer Baptist Church at McCleansville, NC since February 2001.

During his tenure as pastor at Zion a simultaneous Revival meeting was held and a community survey was conducted and a visitation program was begun. The old windows were replaced with the present stained glass windows.

“ We think of you often and consider our 4 ½ years of ministry with you as some of the best years of pastoral ministry. We wish Zion Baptist Church and your pastor, God’s blessings upon this special occasion and many more years of faithful service to our Lord Jesus Christ.”

**REV. LATT BESHEARS-** He served Zion from the spring of 1986 through the last Sunday in November 1986 as supply pastor.

**REV. STANLEY POWHATAN CABEL: 1986-1989**

Stan Cabel was born on April 21, 1941 in Boykins, Virginia. He died on July 27, 2000. On June 21, 1969 he married Cynthia Cook from Hamlet, NC. They had three children Jeffery Todd born June 26, 1972; Todd William born December 3, 1974 and Amy Louise born September 13, 1977.

Stan graduated from Southhampton High School and attended Ferrum Junior College in Ferrum Va. for two years. He transferred to Wake Forest for one year and then to Campbell College, from which he graduated with a History Major. He went to Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, NC and graduated with a Master of Divinity in May 1968. In February 1968 he as part time Assistant Pastor of First Baptist Church,



Hamlet, NC. After graduation he became full time at the church. On August 1, 1970 he became pastor of Macedonia Baptist in Fayetteville, NC. In September of 1976 the family moved to Rutherwood Baptist in Boone, NC.

Rev. Cabel and family came to Zion on December 3, 1986. Stan used his skills as a magician to entertain at many church functions. He also used his felt scenes and black lights to effectively demonstrate many Biblical stories. He spent much time working with the young people of the church and community. His heart was also with helping those in the church and community who had problems both personal and physical. As is often the case it was not known until after he left the amount of kindness he did for many in our community.

When the Cabels left Zion on February 2 of 1990 they went to Neuse Baptist church in Kinston, and remained there until August 31, 1997.

As an update on the children; Jeff lives in Champaign, Illinois and is working for Am Docs Company. He graduated from ASU in December 1999 with a B.S. in Business Adm. in Information Systems.

Todd graduated from West Point in May 1997, as an Arabic language major and also has a degree in Systems Engineering. He has completed 3 of his 5 years. He became a Captain in November 2000.

Amy lives in Radford, Virginia where she attended Radford University and New River Community College. She plans to become a Recreational Therapist when schooling is completed.

Cynthia says, " I don't have any grandchildren, yet but I have a chocolate brown lab 'GRANDDOG' named Hershey."

## **REV. CHARLES JONES 1989-90**

Rev. Charlie Jones and Ima came to Zion to serve as interim Pastor from June of 1989 until the last Sunday of October of 1990.

Charlie's wit, humor, knowledge and wisdom of God's word are remarkable. The Lord has certainly blessed him in his many years of pastorates. He has the ability to explain even some of the toughest scriptures in common every day terms, or as he calls it "getting the fodder down to the trough where you can get it." We enjoyed the time he and Ima were with us here at Zion. He encouraged us to give to missions and to Bible Study.

## **REV. DOUG KENT SPURLOCK; 1990- 1994**

Doug and Carol came to Zion on Nov. 4,1990. On that, their first Sunday immediately after the morning worship service, the congregation



posed on the front steps of the church to have a church portrait taken. This was the second known portrait of the congregation being made, the first having been made around the turn of the century.

Doug was born February 27, 1932. He graduated from St. Albans High School, West Virginia. He married Carol Jeannette Woods, June 25, 1955. They have two children, a daughter, Tamra Lynne Spurlock and a son, Douglas K. Spurlock Jr. who is now deceased.

Doug went to Southland Bible Institute in Pikeville, Kentucky and to Piedmont Baptist Bible College in Winston-Salem. Doug and Carol have served at the following churches: Second Baptist in South Boston Va., Sycamore Baptist in Gretna Va., Motley Baptist in Hurt Va., Ca-Vel Baptist in Roxboro NC, Highland Park in Danville Va., Zion Baptist in Orange Va., Kempsville Baptist in Virginia Beach Va., and Zion Baptist Union Grove NC.

It was also during their time at Zion that Zelda Howard Brohill died and her family gave money to the church. With this money the church renovated the sanctuary. New carpet was installed, the walls were painted, the pews were covered with new padding and material and new light fixtures were put up in the sanctuary.

Doug and Carol were very involved in our music program at Zion. They took early retirement to go back home to help with their mothers and resigned the pastorate effective on April 30th 1994.

Members who served on the Pulpit Committee which brought the Spurlock's to Zion were Martha Campbell, Gwennie Howard, Mike Howard, Ronnie Howard, Alvin Jenkins and Stephen Tulbert.

Doug helped conduct the following funerals while at Zion: Ruby Parks, Paul Swanson, Zelda Brohill, Anna Lou Henderson, Hal Dobson, Bill Feimster, Annie Burgiss, Ila Monico, Angie Feimster, Lucy Parks, Larry Dobson, and Charlie Parks. He later returned soon after retirement to help with the funerals of Alvin Jenkins and Linda Chaffin.

While at Zion he married the following couples: Kirk and Amy Walker, Ken and Delores Bridges Hoilman and Jonathan and Crystal Campbell.

When asked of any special events that took place during their stay at Zion, he replied "We Retired".



## **REV. CHARLES JONES**

Charlie and Ima came a second time to serve here at Zion. This time they stayed from the first Sunday of May of 1994 until the last Sunday of May 1996.

Charlie said of his time here that he remembers most, was the tragic accident of which Wayne Campbell lost his hand. One of the big oak trees in the front of the church on which hung the wire table used for dinners on the grounds, had fallen. The tree rolled and pinned Wayne's hand to the top of the chain saw until the weight could be lifted off his hand.. Before he could have surgery to work on the hand, he had heart by-pass surgery. By that time his hand needed to be amputated.

## **Rev. Dennis J. Shaw 1995-**

Dennis J. Shaw was born June 10, 1963. He grew up in Montgomery County NC, where he graduated from West Montgomery High School in 1981.

On August 3, 1985 he married Marcia Anne Ponder. On February 2, 1990 their daughter Emily Alison Shaw was born.

He graduated from Wingate University in 1983 with an Associate Science Degree. He graduated from Wingate again in 1985 with a Bachelor of Science Degree. He received a Master of Divinity Degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

On June 9, 1995 the Shaws came to Zion. Marcia has taken an active part in our musical program. Dennis has been active in all phases of church work. Through his directing an active Senior Citizens group has been formed. The Children and Youth are meeting on a regular basis. We purchased our first van from his previous pastorate and we have added to our membership in the last 5 years.

When asked to list any memorable events since coming to Zion he says, " From the first time that my family and I met the people of Zion, they have impressed us as being friendly, caring, and compassionate. My faith in our Church and community was reaffirmed when we met and surpassed our goals in the benefits that were held for the Hoots and Walker families". He also related how amazing it is sometimes for groups to get active and take missions trips and outings once they have the means to do so.

Members of the pulpit committee that brought the Shaws to Zion were Jonathan Campbell, Martha Campbell, Ronnie Howard, Mike Trivette and Stephen Tulbert.





# How Firm a Foundation

*The word of God ... liveth and abideth for ever — 1 Peter 1:23 KJV*

1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
2. "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed,  
3. "When thro' fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
4. "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose

Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!  
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
I will not, I will not de - sert to his foes;

What more can He say than to you He hath said,  
I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
The flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
That soul, tho' all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

To you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
Thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake!"



## IV. 1825 MINUTES

*The following are the minutes of when the church was first started in 1825 and continue through March 1834. They were typed up in the 1970's from the original minutes, which now are 176 years old. The little book, which contains these, is somewhat fragile. I have opened it a time or two but as a general rule, I don't want to touch it very much. Most of the original names and words are left as they were, without changing them into today's language. If anyone has any information on any of these people please let me know as I would like to put together as much biographical information on all early members as possible.*

Zion Baptist Church - Book No. 1

This within book contains the names of the members of the comprising the arm of the Union Church set off at Doutherd School house, Iredell County. The same being of the Baptist Order believing in Baptism by immersion holding faith of the apostles contained in the New Testament.

This day within members became to be constituted agreeable to the Baptist Order by the following committee that is to say- William \_\_\_\_\_, Thomas Mastin, William Gillion. July 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. A.D. 1826.

This Book contains the names of the members of the Church Constituted July 4, Saturday 1826. And the faith that they hold is to say- that we the members of the Church afore said do believe in the general depravity of man and the restoration by Christ that by grace we are saved - through faith and the final pursuance of the Saints in Grace and in Glory in outward exterminals - we believe in believers baptism by immersion and the laying on the hands, and that none but believers are fit subjects for baptism or members of church.

July the 4<sup>th</sup> -- Sat. 1826 Signed Harris Stanley

July the 4<sup>th</sup> - Sat. 1826 - the arm of the Union Church set off at Doutherd's School house. This day is Constituted with the following members.

<i>Male Members</i>	<i>Female Members</i>	
Harris Stanley	Salley Stanley	Sinthey Rigsby
James Barnard	Anny Barnard (Barnet)	Elizabeth Hendrix
Enos Windsor	Ester Jones	Nancy Reed *
Wesley Armstrong	Mary Armstrong	Sally Mullis
	Elizabeth Bales	Elisabeth George



The following Members joined by letter and experience.

Joseph Beaman  
Bennett Windsor  
Samuel Whitlock

William Miars  
John Miars  
John Bales

Male Members

Harris Stanley, James Barret  
Enos Windsor, Wesley Armstrong  
Charles Russell

Female Members

Sally Stanley, Mary Armstrong  
Anny Barret, Nancy Reed  
Ester Jones, Sinthy Regsby  
Sally Ball\*, Elizabeth George  
Sally Mullis, Elizabeth Hendrix

These Members acted until the church came to be constituted on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in July 1826.

**CONSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS**

**Male Members**

James Barnard  
Wesley Armstrong  
Samuel Whitlock  
William Myers  
Bennett Windsor  
John Myers  
William Butler  
Joseph Nickson  
Edmon York  
Miles Barnard  
Anthony Wright  
Daniel Jefferson  
Laurance Maiden  
Peter Tharpe

**Female Members**

Anny Barnard  
Ester Jones  
Mary Armstrong  
Nancy Lunsford  
Theny Whitlock  
Mary Bap  
Susanna Bap  
Nancy Briant  
Margaret Mulles  
Nancy Mulles  
Elizabeth Miars  
Lillie Miars  
Rachel Beamon  
Elizabeth Barnard  
Nancy Bales  
Elizabeth Bulter  
Susanna Wishon  
Elizabeth Barnard  
Permely Tharpe  
Mary Jefferson  
Lucinda Bales  
Sally Maiden  
Rachel Parker  
Levina Tharpe  
Salina Windsor  
Hessie Windsor  
Melly Johnson  
Many Parker  
Ann Windsor  
Patsy Windsor  
Ely Thorp  
Nancy Parker

June the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday 1825 whereas the Union Church of Christ hath prior to the within Wilkes County, date agreed to set off an arm at Douthers School House in Iredell County on the aforesaid date and on the said date the following members met in order to affect the same- in that is to say- John Walker, Harris Stanley, Wesley Armstrong, James Barret, Charles Barret, Elizabeth George, and Sarah Walker. The aforesaid members



admitted their names on the role as members of the aforesaid arm and presided as follows: a door opened and Sinthy Rigsby come forward and was received to be baptized on the ensuing day. Dismissed in order- signed by order on behalf of the whole. Harris Stanley, Clerk

July 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday the Church Arm opened a dore(door) and received Sally Mullis.

August the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday 1825 the Church Arm met and took their seats in order and appeared in fellowship, and appointed brother Stanley their clerk- Opened the door for relations. None came forward. Done by order. Said in the behalf of the whole. Harris Stanley, Clerk

September the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday 1825 the Church Arm met and appeared in fellowship. On Sunday met and opened a door for relations.

Received brother Enos Windsor by letter and proceeded to enroll the names of the members that forms the Arm of the afore said church. Signed by the order and in behalf of the whole. Harris Stanley, Clerk

October the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday 1825 the Church Arm met and appeared in fellowship. Dismissed in order.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday the Church Arm met and appeared in fellowship. Dismissed in order. Harris Stanley, Clerk

November the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday the Church Arm met and agreed to wait until the next meeting for a Constitution. Dismissed in Order.

Harris Stanley, Clerk

December 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday 1825. The Church arm met and agreed to request a Constitution and directed the Clerk to prepare the letter against Sunday to be read. The letter being prepared and read and approved by the members present. Done by order and said in behalf of the whole.

Harris Stanley, Clerk

January the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday 1826 the Church arm met and appeared in fellowship. Dismissed in order. Harris Stanley, Clerk

February 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday 1826 the church arm met and not being prepared to carry into effect a Constitution by reason of the helpers not





attending but they renewed their request for a Constitution. Done by order  
and signed in behalf of the whole. Harris Stanley, Clerk

May the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday 1826. The Church arm met and appeared in  
fellowship. Dismissed in order. Harris Stanley, Clerk

June the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday 1826. The Church met and appeared in  
fellowship and after some conversation, agreed to appoint Brother James  
Barnard to act as deacon if the said arm becomes to be Constituted. They  
also agreed to call for the ordination of Brother Harris Stanley for their  
preacher. Done by order and said in behalf of the whole.  
Harris Stanley, Clerk

July 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday 1826. The Church arm met it being the time  
appointed for the Constitutioning of the said Church, and took their seats  
with the brethren called for to assist in the constitution of the said Church  
appeared in fellowship and proceeded as follows.

Appointed brother William Dodson and Brother H. Stanley occasional  
Clerk. Then inquired in to the faith of the Church arm.

Inquired onto the qualifications of Brother H. Stanley as pastor and  
James Barnard as deacon. And after a due examination of the Committee  
agreed to Constitute the said Church but referred the ordination of Brother  
H. Stanley and Brother James Barnard until the ensuing Sunday.

On Sunday the Committee and brethren met according to appointment and  
proceeded to ordain Bro. Harris Stanley and give him the special charge for  
the foresaid church as their pastor, and Bro. Barnard as their deacon.

August the 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. 1826. The church met and took their seats and  
appeared in fellowship opened a door for relations. Received Bro. Beemon  
by letter and named the Church by the Name of Zion. Adapted our former  
rule of discipline and appointed Bro. Joseph Beemon their Clerk- and agreed  
to join the Brier Creek Association and appointed Bro. Stanley, Bro. James  
Barnard, and Bro. Enos Windsor delegates and in case of failure, Bro. W.  
Armstrong and Bro. Beemon appointed Bro. Stanley to write the letter to the  
association. Done by order and said in behalf of the whole.

Harris Stanley, Clerk

Sept. the 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. 1826. The Church met and appeared in fellowship.  
The letter for the association was read and approved. Then opened a door



for relations but none come for reward. Dismissed in order signed in behalf of the Church. Joseph Beemon, Clerk

Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. 1826. The Church met and appeared in fellowship. The delegates to the association reports they were received in love and by our letter and delegated we join the Brier Creek Association. Dismissed in order and signed in behalf on the church. Joseph Beemon, Clerk

Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. 1826. The Church met and took their seats and appeared in fellowship. Dismissed in order. Done and signed in behalf of said Church. Joseph Beemon, Clerk

Dec. the 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. 1826. The Church met and took their seats and opened in fellowship. Dismissed in order and signed in behalf of the whole church. Joseph Beemon, Clerk

Jan. the 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. 1827. The Church met and appeared in fellowship. Dismissed in order. Signed by Clerk.

February 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday 1827 The church met and took their seats in fellowship. Dismissed in order. Signed by clerk.

On Sunday received by experience Nancy\_Lunsford for membership.

Mar. 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. 1827. The Church met and appeared in fellowship. Dismissed.

On Sunday Baptized the afore said member. Dismissed in order and said in behalf of the church. Joseph Beemon, Clerk

April 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. 1827. The church met and appeared in fellowship and received Thenev\_Bates by experience. And agreed that there be communion. Shall be in June 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. Dismissed in order and signed in behalf of the church. Joseph Beemon, Clerk

April 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. 1827. The funds for the Communion table at June Meeting 1827, Brother J. Barnard provides the elements. At the meeting Aug. 1828 Brother W. Armstrong provides the elements. At meeting Aug. 1829 Brother Bennet Windsor provides the elements.

May the 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. 1827. The Church met and opened in fellowship. Opened the door for relations, none comes forward. The church finds that Elizabeth



Hendrix has failed to come to meetings and some time appointed Brother Stanley with Brother Windsor to visit the said sister to our next meeting to answer some remarks that is flying in the world and “ears” of professing for certain reasons. The Church delays their Communion until August meeting. Appoints Brother Stanley to call for or invite laboring brethren to attend us. Dismissed in order and signed in behalf of the church.

Joseph Beamon, Clerk

June the 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. 1827. The Church met and appeared in fellowship. The Brethren appointed in invite sisters Hendrix to the next meeting report they do so. The sister come forward. The Church thought is proper to appoint a committee to hear the said sisters which reported that her answers were satisfaction to them. Dismissed in order and by the order of the church.

Joseph Beamon, Clerk

July the 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. 1827. The Church met and appeared in fellowship and appointed three delegates to the Association., Brother Harris Stanley, James Barnard, Joseph Beamon, and Enos Windsor. The Church on motion agree to send 2 scriptures to the Association. Matthew 5:23-24, Romans 16:17. We send also a loving request that the Association take under consideration the difficulty between the associations. Dismissed in order and signed in behalf of the whole.

Joseph Beamon, Clerk

August 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. 1827. The Church met and appeared in fellowship. Dismissed in order and signed in behalf of whole.

Joseph Beamon, Clerk

Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. 1827. The Church met and appeared in order. Applications for two letters of Dismission – Sister Sally Mullis and Sister Cinthy Rigsby. Both letters granted. Dismissed in order and signed in behalf of whole.

Joseph Beamon, Clerk

Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sunday 1827. The church met and collected in order and opened the door up admission and received Mary Boas by experience and appointed a baptism to be 5th Sunday of said month. Done and said in order. Dismissed

Joseph Beamon, Clerk

Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>. Sat. 1827. The Church met and appeared in order proceeded to business. Dismissed in order and signed in behalf of a whole.

Joseph Beamon, Clerk



Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>. Sat. 1827. The Church met and appeared in order. The Church finds that Sister Nancy Reed had failed for some time to fill her seat and appoints Sister Theney Bales and Sister Nancy Mullis to request said Sister to come to order next meeting to fill her seat. Done and said in behalf of the church. Dismissed in order. Joseph Beamon, Clerk

Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>. Sat. 1827. The Church met and appeared in order. The sisters appointed to invite sister Nancy Reed to next meeting. They done so and the sister did not appear. The Church agreed to wait with Sister Nancy Reed until next meeting. Dismissed in order and signed in behalf of the whole. Joseph Beamon, Clerk

Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>. Sat. 1828. The Church met and took their seats in order. Sister Nancy Reed came forward and stated her reason for not attending meeting and was excused. Also her denial of the reports that was flying in the world gave such satisfaction that she was excused. The church was dismissed in order done and signed in order. Joseph Beamon, Clerk

Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>. Sat. 1828. The Church met and appeared in order. Dismissed in order and signed in behalf of the church. Joseph Beamon, Clerk

Mar. 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. 1828. The Church met and appeared in order. Dismissed in order and signed in behalf of the church. Joseph Beamon, Clerk

Apr. 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. 1828. The church met and appeared in order. Dismissed in order and signed in behalf of the church. Joseph Beamon, Clerk

May 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. 1828. The church met and appeared in fellowship. Dismissed in order and signed. Joseph Beamon, Clerk

June 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. 1828 The church met and appeared in fellowship. Dismissed in order. Signed in behalf of the church. Joseph Beamon, Clerk

July 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. 1828. The church met and appeared in order on motion it was agreed that the church have a trend of mind on the ordinance of feet washing and appoint the Friday before out August meeting a day of fasting and prayer. Received by experience Sarey Beamon. Also on our mid meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. in July received by experience Susannah Bass. Dismissed in order and signed in behalf of the church.

Joseph Beamon, Clerk





Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> Fri. 1828 The Church met and appeared in order and appointed three delegates to the Association Brethren Harris Stanley, Wesley Armstrong, Joseph Beamon. Dismissed in order. Joseph Beamon, Clerk

Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. 1828. The church took their seats and opened a door for relations and received by experience Nancy Bryant and Margaret Mullis. Dismissed in order and signed in behalf of the church.

Joseph Beamon, Clerk

Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. 1828. The church met and appeared in order, The letter for the Association was read and approved. On motion it was agreed that our next meeting be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. in Oct. 1828. Also that we open a door on the next day being the 4<sup>th</sup> Sun. in Sept. Then received by experience Samuel Whitlock and Nancy Mullis. Done and signed in behalf of the church.

Joseph Beamon, Clerk

Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. 1828. The church met and appeared in order. Opened a door for relations and received by experience Nancy Stanley. Done and signed in behalf of the church. John Boles joined by experience.

Joseph Beamon, Clerk

Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. 1828. The church met and appeared in order. Dismissed in order in behalf of the church.

Joseph Beamon, Clerk

Also on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sun. 1828 the church met and received Lillie Miars by experience. Dismissed in order.

Joseph Beamon, Clerk

Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. 1828. The church met and appeared in order and opened a door for receiving members and received Elizabeth Miars by experience. Dismissed in order and signed in behalf of the church.

Joseph Beamon, Clerk

Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> 1829. The church met in order and opened a door and received William Miars by experience. Dismissed in order and signed in behalf of the church.

Joseph Beamon, Clerk

Jan 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. 1829. The church met and appeared in order. Then opened a door and received Rachel Polina Butlar by experience. The church finds that sister Elizabeth Hendrix has failed to fill her seat for some time. Appointed brother Enos Windsor and John Boles to invite said sister to fill



her seat at our next meeting. Done in order and in behalf of church.

Dismissed.

Joseph Beamon, Clerk

March 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. 1829. The church took their seats in order. Believed by experience Bennett Windsor. Dismissed in order. Joseph Beamon, Clerk

Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. 1829. Zion church met and appeared in order. The brethren appointed to invite sister Hendrix. Hendrix done so and she fills her seat, and when examined the cause of her absence.

April 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. 1829. Zion Church received by experience Luvina Tharpe.

Dismissed in order.

Joseph Beamon, Clerk

Mar. 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. 1829. Zion Church met and appeared in order. On motion against that case of Sister Hendrix be continued by her failing to fill her seat and agree to give said sister Hendrix a citation by sending Brother John Boles and William Miars. Done in order and said in behalf of the church. Dismissed in order.

Joseph Beamon, Clerk

April 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. 1829. Zion Church met and opened in order. The case of Sister Hendrix was acted on. It appears that sister Hendrix is dishonored in owing of falsehood other disorderly conduct. For which the Church dishonors her as a member of their body. Also the case of sister Margaret Reed was taken up and referred until the next meeting. A door was opened for reception of members. Received by experience John Miars, Sarey Windsor and Hesty Windsor. Done in order and signed in behalf of the whole. Dismissed in order.

Joseph Beamon, Clerk

May 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. 1829 The church met and appeared in order. The case of sister Margaret Reed was taken up and members appointed to visit the afore said sister are to report. Sister against out next meeting namely Esther Jones and sister Nancy Brian by so doing her case was continued until next meeting. Then opened the door for reception of members. Received by experience, Lydia Miars, Millie Johnson, and Mary Parker, It was agreed to appoint Brother Bennett Windsor assistant clerk. Done and said in behalf of the church. Dismissed in order.

Joseph Beamon, Clerk

Friday before 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. July 1829. The Church met and appeared in order and proceeded to business. Harris Stanley reported he had cited said sister Mullis and she appeared. The church appointed a Committee to inquire



into her difficulty. The said Committee acted and she came forward and gave satisfaction to the Church and the Church restored her into fellowship again. The case respecting Nathan Reed was taken up and granted. This done in behalf of the church. Dismissed in order. Bennett Windsor, Clerk

June 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. 1829. Zion Baptist Church met and appeared in order. Sister Nancy Briant reported she visited Sister Margaret Reed and the report was received that she found the sister in a state of fragrance (?). contrary to the Law of God for which charge the church laid her under her censure. Then appointed Brother H. Stanley to inform sister Reed of her situation and for her to attend our communion at the July meeting . Also Brother Stanley invite Brethren to visit us on our communion season. This done and signed in behalf of the Church. Dismissed in order. Bennett Windsor , Clerk

August 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday, 1829. The church met and appeared in order except Brother Samuel Whitlock, who requested to be absent himself from his seat for some cause not stated. The church granted his request. Brother Harris Stanlry, and sister Nancy Stanley and Sister Sarey Standley all requested letters of dismission and it was granted. This done in behalf of the church and signed by the clerk.

Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> Sun. 1829. On Sunday the Church met and opened a door for relations and there was none come forward. And then come forward two by letter, Nancy Windsor and Patsy Windsor. They received. This is done in behalf of the Church and signed by the est. Clerk Bennett Windsor . The Church met and appeared in fellowship and order. Inquired for Brother Joseph Beamon stated that he was diffculted with himself in consequences of wounding the cause. He stated that he was sorry for it and the Church forgave him. It was then move and 2<sup>nd</sup> that a door opened for to receive members by experience but none came forward. Brother Beamon made application for the letter of Dismission for himself and his wife, Sarey Beamon and it was granted. Also that Brother Bennett Windsor is activity appointed clerk. This is done of the church and signed in behalf of the same. Bennett Windsor, Clerk

Sat. before the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday September 1829. The church met and appeared in order. Then opened the door for relations and none came forward. It was moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> that delegates be appointed to attend our association Roaring River Meeting House in Wilkes County. Then appointed Brethren Bennett Windsor, Wesley Armstrong and Samuel Whitlock to attend. Brother Harris



Stanley's above request was granted that himself and sister Nancy Stanley's should have letters of dismissal and it was granted. Brother John Boles requested letters of dismissal for himself and his wife Elizabeth Boles, and it was granted. Sister Nancy requested a letter of dismissal and it was granted. Brother Bennett Windsor is appointed clerk in case Brother Beamon moves away and that the Brother Clerk write the above dismissed members letters and that he choose whom he will to assist in preparing them. Done and signed in behalf of the church. Dismissed in order.

Bennett Windsor, Clerk

Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. 1829, the church took their seats to receive members by experience. Then came forward five to wit: Nancy Boles Edy Tharpe, Wm. Butler, Elizabeth Butler, and Nancy Parker. Done by order of the church and signed in behalf of the same. Dismissed in order.

Bennett Windsor, Clerk

Sat. before 4<sup>th</sup> Sun. Nov. 1829. The church met and appeared in order and fellowship.. Inquired for and then proceeded to business as follows- It was moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> that a door be open for relations- none came forward. This done by order of church and signed in behalf of the same.

Bennett Windsor, Clerk

The Sat. before the 4<sup>th</sup> Sun. Dec. 1829. Zion Church met and appeared in order then proceeded to business as follows. It was moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> that sister Nancy Mullis be cited to fill her seat. Then appointed brother James Barnard and Wesley Armstrong to visit said sister to fill her seat. This done by order of the church and signed in behalf of the same.

Bennett Windsor, Clerk

Funds For Printing The Minutes 1829  
cts.

Bennet Windsor	put in	12 ½ cts.
Ann Windsor	put in	12 ½ cts
William Myers	put in	12 ½ cts
Wesley Armstrong	put in	6 ½ cts
Anthony Wright	put in	10 cts

Sat. before 4<sup>th</sup> Sun. Jan. 1830. Zion Church met and appeared in order and then proceeded to business as follows. Then opened the door to receive by





relations, none came forward. Then the church then received, Brother Walker as pastor for one year. It was then put to the church to appoint two more deacons, and it was granted. It was moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> that Brother Walker appoint Brother Bennett Windsor Wesley Armstrong, Wm. Butler to take a trial on the case. The reference continued. The brethren James Barnard and Wesley Armstrong released and appointed sister Lunsford and sister Perlina Butler to visit the sister then make report at the next meeting. This done by orders of the church and signed in behalf of the same.

Bennett Windsor, Clerk

Sat. before the 4<sup>th</sup> Sun. Feb. 1830. Zion Baptist Church met and appeared in order the proceeded to business as follows: Then opened a door for relations and none come forward. The references of the three brethren continued until next meeting. The sister Perlina Butler made report that she refused the report and the sister was released. The church then on fellowship the act then also on fellowship her for refusing to attend when called on to give answers for the charge of fornication. This done by order of the Church and signed in behalf of the same.

Bennett Windsor, Clerk

Sat. before the 4<sup>th</sup> in April 1830. The Church met and appeared in order . Then proceeded to business as follows: Brother Windsor released from his tenure in respect of taking the place of the deacon. Brother Armstrong then reported that he was willing to receive the office of a deacon if the church made choice of him. It then received him as their deacon. The reference of Brother Butler continued. This done in order of church and signed in behalf of the same.

Bennett Windsor, Clerk

Sat. before 4<sup>th</sup> Sun. May 1830. The church met and appeared in order. Then proceeded to business as follows: The church then released Brother Butler from his tenure as respecting the deacon ship, then opened the door for relations and none came forward. This is done by order of the church and signed in behalf of the same.

Bennett Windsor, Clerk

Sat. before 4<sup>th</sup> Sun. Nov. 1830. The church met in and appeared in fellowship and in order. When fellowship inquired for then opened a door to receive by relation and then come forward Elizabeth Denny and Susanna Wishon and both were received. Done by order of the church and signed in behalf of the same.

Bennett Windsor, Clerk



Sat. before 4<sup>th</sup> Sun. Dec. 1830. The church met and appeared in order when fellowship inquired for. Then opened a door for to receive members by experience or by letter and done came forward. This is done by order of the church signed in behalf of same. Bennett Windsor , Clerk

Funds for minutes 1830

Bennet Windsor	put in	12 ½ cts
James Barnard	put in	12 ½
John Myers	put in	12 ½
William Myers	put in	12 ½
William Butter	put in	12 ½
Anthony Wright	put in	12 ½

June Saturday before the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 1830. The church met and appeared in order then proceeded to business as follows. Then open a door for relations and none came forward. It was then agreed that our communion season be the next meeting and Brother Butler to prepare the element. This done the order of the church and signed on behalf of the same.

Bennett Windsor, Clerk

Saturday before the fourth Sunday July 1830. The church met and appeared an order. Then open the door for relations and none came forward. This done by order of Church and signed in behalf of the same.

Bennett Windsor, Clerk

Saturday before the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in August 1830. The church met and appeared in order. Then proceeded to business as follows. Then opened the door for relations and none came forward. Then appointed our delegates to attend the next association. James Barnard, Bennett Windsor, Wesley Armstrong, William Butler and John Walker. To be held at Snow Creek Meeting House in Surry County. The reference of Brother Armstrong as a deacon continued. Ordered the clerk to write a few lines to the Flat Rock Church for their ministerial help at our next meeting on Saturday for the purpose of ordaining a deacon. This done by order of the church and signed in behalf of the same.

Saturday before the fourth Sunday September 1830. The church met and appeared in order when fellowship inquired for. Then opened a door for to



receive by relations. Then came forward Joseph Nickson was received. This done order of the church had signed in behalf of the same.

Bennett Windsor

Sat. before 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in January 1831. The church met and fellowship inquired for and they appeared in order. Then proceeded to business. It was moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> that we defer the choosing of a preacher until the next meeting in February. This done by order of church and signed in behalf of the same.

Bennett Windsor, Clerk

Saturday before the 4th Sunday April 1831. The church met in fellowship inquired for and they appeared in order. It moved and seconded That Brother Jacks act as moderator. This done by order of the church and signed in behalf of the same.

Bennett Windsor, Clerk

Saturday before the fourth Sunday May 1831. The church met in fellowship and took their seats and they appeared in order. Then open the door for to receive members by experience and none came forward. Then came forward Joseph Nickson and expressed his feelings to the church that he had a desire to use a gift among the people if the church would give him liberty as he thought he was called to preach the gospel. The church gave him liberty to sing, pray and to exhort within the bounds of his own church. They gave him the right hand and fellowship. This done by order of the church and signed into half of the same.

Bennett Windsor, Clerk

Saturday before the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday June 1831. The church met and fellowship inquired for and they appeared in order. Then proceeded to business. Then opened a door for relations and then came forward Edmund York and was received. Also Brother Jacks invited Brother John Angel to come and baptize the said brother at next meeting. This done ordered the church and signed in behalf of the same.

Bennett Windsor, Clerk

Saturday before the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of July 1831. The church met and fellowship inquired for and they appeared in order. Then opened a door to receive relation. None came forward. It was then moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> that our communion season be at our meeting in September and it was granted. Brother Butler to prepare the elements as he makes choices to do so. Also that are send for Brother Angel, Jesse Adams and Robert Pardue to aid and



assist in giving the elements. And the Brother room Clerk to write then letters. This done by order of church and signed in behalf of same.

Bennett Windsor, Clerk

Saturday before the 4th Sunday August 1831. The church met and fellowship inquired for and they appeared in order. Then opened the door to receive by experience and none came forward. Then appointed Brother James Barnard, Bennett Windsor, and Wesley Armstrong as delegated to attend our next association to be held at Bethel Meeting House in Wilkes County on the Sat. before 4th Sun. next. Also that the Brother Clerk prepare the Association letter and it to be read next meeting. This done by order of the church and signed on behalf of the same.

Bennett Windsor, Clerk

Sat. before the 4th Sunday September 1831. The church met and fellowship inquired for. And they appeared in order. Ten opened the door to receive by experience or by letter and none came forward. This done by the order of church and sign in behalf of the same.

Bennett Windsor , Clerk

Saturday before the 4th Sun. November 1831. The church met and fellowship inquired for. And they appeared in order. except Edmond York. He laid in a grievance against himself and the church took it up and acted on the grievance . And the church unfellowship the act. Also the person for committing the act so that he is no man under our watch care until such times that he may bring forth fruits for a repentance for a Godly sorrow worketh a repentance that need not be repented of. The case of Sister Millie Johnson was taken up and referred to the next meeting. And Sister Nancy Armstrong and Sister Nancy Windsor to visit said Sister and invite her to fill her seat next meeting. This done by order of the church and sign in behalf of the same.

Bennett Windsor, Clerk

Saturday before the 4th Sunday in December 1831. Zion Church met and fellowship inquired for. The appeared in order . The reference continued. This done by order of the church and signed in behalf of the same.

Bennett Windsor, Clerk





Funds for minutes 1831	
Bennet Windsor	put in 12 ½
James Baynard	put in 12 ½
William Myers	put in 12 ½
John Myers	put in 12 ½
Wesley Armstrong	put in 10
Edmon York	put in 12 ½
Anthony Wright	put in 12 ½

Saturday before the 4th Sunday January 1832. Zion church met fellowship inquired for. And they appeared in order. We took up the reference under our constitution the sisters called on to make report. They found the sister Milly Johnson in a condition that the church don't think its duty to wait with her any longer; we, therefore, unfellowshipped the act. Also, the sister for committing the act of being in a family way. So that she is no more under our watch care until such time she brings forth fruits- meets for repentance. This done by order of the church and signed on behalf of the same.

Bennett Windsor, Clerk

Saturday before the 4th Sunday February 1832. Zion Church met and fellowship inquired for. And they appeared in order. The case of Bro. Armstrong being ordained as a deacon referred until next meeting. This done by order of the church and signed on behalf of the same.

Bennett Windsor, Clerk

Saturday before the 4th Sunday March 1832. The church met and fellowship inquired for. And they appeared in order. The case of Brother Armstrong being ordained as a deacon is again referred to the next meeting in April. And also that Brother John Cheek be sent for and the Clerk to send him a few lines. The church then open a door to receive members by experience for letter and none came forward. Also that Sister Winey Lunsford be invited to fill her seat and Brother Armstrong to invite her to show cause why she has not attended. This done by order of the Church and signed on behalf of the same.

Bennett Windsor

Saturday before the 4th Sunday April 1832. The church met and fellowship inquired for and they appeared in order except Brother James Barnard. He stated that he was hurted with Sister Rachel Beamon on the account of her talk about him and Sister Barnard, Leut it is referred to next meeting and her father invited her to attend out meeting in May. The case of Brother being



ordained is laid down until we hear from him and the case of Sister Lunsford referred and Brother and Sister Butler to invite her to her seat again and then show cause why she has not attended. Then open the door to receive members but none came forward. This done in order and signed in behalf of the church.

Bennett Windsor, Clerk

Saturday before the 4th Sunday May 1832. The church met and fellowship inquired for, but nothing was done in order of the account of some of the members being disobedient. This done in order and signed in behalf of the church.

Bennett Windsor, Clerk

Saturday before the 4th Sunday June 1832. The church met and fellowship inquired for. Since last meeting and they appeared in order. The grievance between Brother Barnard and Sister Pauline Beamon was taken up and is settled. And is never more to be brought up. The case of Sister Lunsford take up as she made satisfaction. She also made application to the church for a letter of dismissal and the church ordered the clerk to write her one. We also heard from Brother Armstrong that he was unwell at the time he was to be ordained as a deacon. He now states that he is willing to serve the church if the church is satisfied with him. And no objection. He consented to the ordinance and the church went forward in the work. Brother William Richards and Brother Robert Perdue to administer the ordinance. This done by order of the church and sign on behalf of the same.

Bennett Windsor, Clerk

Saturday before the 4th Sunday July 1832. The church met and fellowship inquired for and they appeared in order. Then opened a door for relations and none came forward. The appointed delegates for the next association Bennett Windsor, Joseph Nickson, Samuel Whitlock. Also that our communion be the next meeting in August. William Myers to prepare the necessities. The fund for printing our minutes will be found in another place. We also keep open doors until Lords Day. The church then took seats, then come forward Elizabeth Barnard and was received. This done by order of the church and signed on behalf of the same.

Bennett Windsor, Clerk

Sat. before 4<sup>th</sup> Sun. August 1832. The Church met and fellowship inquired for. And they appeared in order. Then opened a door for relation. Then come forward Miles Barnard and was received. Sister Rachel Beaman made application for a letter of dismissal. And the brother Clerk to write her a letter. This done in order of the Church and signed in behalf of some.



Bennet Windsor, Clerk

Sat. before 4<sup>th</sup> Sun. September 1832. The Church met and fellowship inquired for and they appeared in order. Then opened a door by relation. Then come forward Sary Barker, but was not received. The Church thought proper for her to wait until next meeting for better satisfaction. The Church keeps open doors until Lords Day.

Lords Day met according to appointment and then come forward Anthony Wright and was received. This done be order of the Church and signed in behalf of the some.  
Bennett Windsor, Clerk

Sat. before 4<sup>th</sup> Sun. October 1832. The Church met and fellowship inquired for and they appeared in order. Then opened a door for relation or by letter. Then come forward Penely Tharp and David Jeffersom and was received by experience. We still keep opendoors until Lords Day. Met according to adjournment. And none came forward. This done by order of the church and signed in behalf of the some.

Sat. before 4<sup>th</sup> Sun. November 1832. The Church met and fellowship inquired for and they appeared in order. Then a door was opened to receive members and none came forward. This done by order of the church and signed in behalf of the some.

Sat. before 4<sup>th</sup> Sun. Dec. 1832. The Church met and fellowship appeared in order. This done by order of the Church and signed in behalf of the same.

Bennet Windsor, Clerk

Funds for minutes 1832

Bennet Windsor	12 ½ cts
James Barnard	12 ½
William Balter	12 ½
Joseph Nickson	6 ½
Samuel Whitlock	6 ½
Wesley Armstrong	12 ½
Christopher Barnard	12 ½
Anthony Barnard	10
John Baity	5
Benson Reed	12 ½
James Reed	12 ½



Sat. before 4<sup>th</sup> Sun. Jan. 1833. The Church met and fellowship inquired for and they appeared in order. Then opened a door to receive by relation or by letter, then come forward Polly Jefferson and was received by letter. This done by order of the Church and signed in behalf of the same.

Bennet Windsor, Clerk

Sat. before 4<sup>th</sup> Sun. Feb. 1833. The Church met and fellowship inquired for and the appeared in order. They opened a door for relation or by letter. Then come forward Lucindia Boles and Sally Maiden and was received. This done by order of the Church and signed in behalf of the same.

Bennet Windsor, Clerk

Sat. before 4<sup>th</sup> Sun. Mar. 1833. The Church met and fellowship inquired for and they appeared in order. A door was opened to receive members by relations or by letter. Then come forward Levina Maiden and was received by experience. The case of Sister Nancy Briant receiving a letter of dismissal previous to this and still holding her letter within the bounds of this Church. We think it our duty to send some sister to go and invite her to her seat. Died in fellowship on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 1833 Wm Butler. This done by order of the Church, and signed in behalf of the same.

Bennet Windsor, Clerk

The Sat. before 4<sup>th</sup> Sun. Dec. 1833. The Church met and fellowship inquired for and they appeared in order. We then opened a door to receive by relation but more come forward. This done by order of church and signed in behalf of the same. Jan 1834- Wesley Armstrong and Susanna Wishon were excluded.

Bennet Windsor, Clerk

Sat. Before 4<sup>th</sup> Sun. Feb. 1834 The Church met and fellowship inquired for and they appeared in order. We then opened a door to receive by relation and by letter and then came forward Rachel Parker and Peter Tharp and was received. This done by order of the church and signed in behalf of the same.

Bennet Windsor, Clerk

Sat. Before 4<sup>th</sup> Sun. Mar. 1834. The church met and fellowship inquired for, and they appeared in order. The church then appointed Brother Anthony Wright, Brother Bennet Windsor, Brother Joseph Nickson to attend the spring association to be held at Little River Meeting House in Wilkes County on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. May 1834 and the Brother clerk to prepare a letter to be





read next meeting. This done by order of the Church and signed in behalf of  
same. Bennet Windsor, Clerk



# We're Marching to Zion

ISAAC WATTS

ROBERT LOWRY

*Spirited*



1. Come, we that love the Lord, And let our joys be known, Join  
2. Let those re - fuse to sing Who nev - er knew our God; But  
3. The hill of Zi - on yields A thou - sand sa - cred sweets Be -  
4. Then let our songs a - board, And ev - ery tear be dry; We're



in a song with sweet ac - cord, Join in a song with sweet ac - cord,  
chil - dren of the heav - en - ly King, But chil - dren of the heav - en - ly King,  
fore we reach the heav - en - ly fields, Be - fore we reach the heav - en - ly fields,  
marching thro' Im - man - uel's ground, We're marching thro' Im - man - uel's ground,



And thus sur - round the throne, And thus sur - round the throne.  
May speak their joys a - broad, May speak their joys a - broad.  
Or walk the gold - en streets, Or walk the gold - en streets.  
To fair - er worlds on high, To fair - er worlds on high.



(1) And thus sur - round the throne, And thus sur - round the throne.

CHORUS



We're march - ing to Zi - on, Beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful Zi - on; We're  
We're march - ing on to Zi - on,



march - ing up - ward to Zi - on, The beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.  
Zi - on, Zi - on,





## V. LATER MINUTES AND HISTORY

*This section of the minutes in no way covers all the details enclosed in the minutes. For the most part only highlights are covered. It is my desire that all the minutes be typed, printed and distributed. In fact most of the information listed here from 1871-1976 is also found in the 1976 150th Anniversary History*

Zion Baptist Church is one of the oldest churches in this area. The closest Baptist churches in the area were Flat Rock and Grassy Knob. The majority of the members of the early church joined by letter from Union and Flat Rock Baptist Churches. Many of the ministers of these churches were invited to assist in Communion Services, Revivals, and Baptisms. These early ministers had a great influence on the growth and development of Zion Baptist Church. They were men dedicated to serving and teaching as well as preaching. They endured many hardships in travel. Many lived a distance away and had to travel by horse and buggy, horseback, or walk. The roads were hardly passable, especially in winter and rainy weather. They would come on Friday and stay with a family in the community until Monday.

It was said the home of John Jennings, this side of Campbell's Mill was called the "Preacher's Hotel." Sometimes there would be several staying there at the same time. Following is a chronological listing of important facts and information.

1871- The church "consulted the propriety of building a new meeting house," and appointed the following committee: E. T. Burgess, T. L. Jennings, Welborn Wright, and E. L. Windsor.

1872- The above listed committee was asked to serve until the house was built.

1874- A colored minister, Frank Jones was rec'd into the fellowship of the Church by letter and remained a member until May 1875, when he was granted a letter to go elsewhere.

1887- A Rev. Turner, a colored preacher was invited to preach in March.

1888- January "the church agreed to improve Her Church by enlargement and making seats."

-February "Charles H. M. Tolbert was granted permission to teach a Day School in the House provided the property was cared for."

-March sale of boards from covering the arbor was to be applied to



seating the house. A "Subscription" was taken and seventy-five dollars was received to repair the house and make seats.

- May Sale of Boards for covering the Arbor was to be applied to seating the house.

The following bill was found among papers is believed to be about this date.

E.A. Johnson Arbor Bill

Timber Pine across the stump	\$4.00
Hundred inches at 1 cent	4.00
7 Board trees 40 cents each	2.80
Half the land the Arbor stand on	1.00
15 days work on the Arbor	<u>7.00</u>
	\$14.00

1892- November 26th, Thomas L. Jennings was ordained as a minister and was presented a Bible.

1894-May, A committee was appointed to look after the graveyard, R. W. Crater, E. M. Sale, E. W. Couch, T. H. Cooper, W. B. York.

May 21 –“ On a motion the church agreed to call the following Presbytery to examine the qualifications of J. M. Current to the ministry, W. A. Myers, T. W. Paris, V. M. Swain. Bro. Current was introduced to the church and after hearing him relate his Christian Experience and call to the ministry the presbytery proceeded to examine him and finding him orthodox set him apart to the work of the Gospel Ministry by laying on of hands of Presbytery”

-December A committee was appointed to confer with E. M. Sale for additional land for the church. They were: E. M. Couch, T. H. Cooper, and R. W. Crater.

1895- Money was scarce during those early years, and the offerings were small. The church voted to pay one-third the cost of a horse for their pastor, Reverend V.M. Swain, and a committee was appointed to collect money for the pastor.

-July 5 - The additional land was purchased for the church from E. M. Sale, in the amount of fifteen dollars of which Mr. Sale reimbursed the church as a gift the said fifteen dollars.





1897- October - "Brother E.M. Sale mentioned the fact that we were in need of a new meeting house," and he made the motion the church decide to build as early as possible. The following building committee was appointed : E.M. Couch, E.M. Sale, R.W. Crater, T L Jennings, and T.H. Cooper. These were to collect and disburse funds, decide on plans, and superintend the work in general.

1898 - The building was completed.

Number enrolled on church book in 1898	198
Number present at roll call.	68
Number absent at roll call	130

1899- August A committee was appointed to take "subscriptions" to buy a bell for the church. Also, "A proposition was made to sell the old arbor and the fence around it, which was done, amounting to \$2.10, \$.60 paid."

1900 - August The church voted to sell the arbor as agreed by the committee.

1904- July 3rd Saturday - "The church as a body granted Clint Holcomb liberty to hold religious services as the spirit may direct him."

1906 - The church set maple shade trees beside the church building.

1912- December "A motion was passed to take up a church collection each month for church purposes, this being suggested by the pastor. The first collection was \$2.60.

1913- April Dr. Couch filled the vacancy on the Cemetery Committee caused by the death of his father E. M. Couch.

1914 Organized Sunday School the first Sunday of May.

1917 September – total membership was 221.

1927- January Paid Rev. E. N. Garner \$131.00 for 1926 salary.  
Paid Rev. Garner \$140. for 12 months salary.



1929- The ladies of the church presented 3 quilts to Rev. W. E. Linney.  
Each quilt block contained the name of the person who made it.

1930- Rev. Linney salary \$150.

1935- February 24, The building Committee was to move forward with construction of the Sunday School rooms.  
- Rev. Linney's salary was \$275.00

1936- Salary for Rev. Linney was \$174.72  
-June , Mrs. Marshal Wright gave a talk on Women's Missions

1937- Oct 13 Rev. W. E. Linney's funeral conducted by Rev. E. V. Bumgarner and Rev. C.C. Holland.  
- December, Rev. Gus Myers unanimously elected Pastor.  
-Paid Rev. Gus Myers for services \$3.00

1938- April, The following were elected Deacons, Claud Howard, A. H. Cooper and H. A. Journey.  
-September, There were 39 who joined the church during the Revival Services. 35 were by Experience and Baptism and 4 by letter. The preacher was Rev. Charlie Holland. Frank Hemric was elected Choir Leader.

1939- September 22, Rev. G. D. White unanimously elected.  
- October 22, " A motion was made that the church wire the house for electricity."  
-December "It was voted to have the wiring with fixtures" Viola Trivette and H. A. Journey were the finance Committee for wiring the church.

1940- June, The Hemric Brothers had a special song  
-A program was for WMU to be held in September was presented and endorsed by the church  
-Paid Rev. White \$215.00

1941- March, A motion was made and carried that the church be painted.  
- August, Cleaned cemetery  
- December, Pastor was presented with a nice easy chair for his Christmas present.



- 1942 – April, Ray Hemric elected Choir Leader.  
 - The church was wired for electricity.  
 - December, Presented the Pastor with a Secretary desk for Christmas present.
- 1943- Paid Rev. White \$520.67 salary.  
 - October Motion was made and carried that a new floor be put down in the church. The committee to see it done was H. C. Myers, Paul Brown, Claud Howard and H. A. Journey.
- 1944- January, All bills have been paid.  
 - March, Church authorized Coetta Trivette to buy flowers for deceased members of the church.  
 -April, Paid the Janitor and the lights \$2.00.  
 - December, Pastors gift was a new suit, shoes, shirt, neck tie and other gifts.
- 1945- May, Deacons were given authority to sell old window blinds.  
 - November, Bro. H. C. Myers was elected Janitor, his duties were to build fires in the heaters. His salary was to be \$2. Per month.
- 1948- July, after services a picnic dinner was served on the grounds celebrating the pastors 56<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- 1949 - additional Sunday School rooms were built and the church was remodeled.  
 - May Mr. H. A. Journey resigned as church clerk due to health reasons, Mr. Jim Parks was elected.  
 - May new windows were put in the church auditorium.  
 -June, The church voted to expand the building program by adding a new front to the church.  
 - August, A furnace was installed at cost of \$1,800.,  
 - October cost of lights went up to \$4.00.  
 - November, The church was underpinned with concrete blocks.
- 1950- December, Motion that 50 additional Broadman Hymnals be purchased. Collected \$46.00 to pay for them.
- 1951- April, An auction sale was held to dispose of surplus building



materials.

- 1952 – March 22, The church voted to help support David and Elwanda Fields as missionaries.  
-April, The annual revival meeting was changed from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in September to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in November. Also a revival service was to be held in June.
- 1953 – January 24, The church voted to have the annual revival meeting this year the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in July.  
-The church bought new pews, and pulpit furniture was donated by the Augustus Crater family. The finance committee was authorized to dispose of old benches as they saw fit. Also, new carpet was installed in the Church.
- 1954- August 22, The following deacons were elected, L. P. Somers, Hubert Mauldin, Royal Reid and James Parks.
- 1956 - An anonymous donation of \$500.00 was given to dig a well and install a pump.
- 1958 - The church purchased an Allen organ.  
-October 12, Mrs. Marie Myers Mitchell started the Perpetual Cemetery Fund in memory of her son, Gary Hoots.
- 1962 - Building plans for an education building were started. Eugene Burris was pastor.
- 1963- July, Voted to have preaching services on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month as well as all other Sunday's.  
– July The Revival meeting began the 2nd Sunday in July with the Rev. S. D. Baker the guest preacher. Many were baptized the Sunday following the worship service. ( see the chronological membership list for names)The offering for Rev. Baker was \$183.22, the offering for the pastor was 129.00.  
- Voted to borrow 4 - 6 thousand dollars to finish the new (Education) building. There was already \$7,000 in the Building Fund.  
Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> A dedication service was held for the Educational Building with the Rev. Olin T. Binkley as the guest Speaker.





1965 -February - Endowment from Mrs. Addie Couch Lonsford estate given to the Perpetual Cemetery Fund.

-October 24, - The church debt on the Education Building was paid in full, and a note burning service was held. Reverend R E Adams, interim pastor, expressed thanks to the members for their help and cooperation in building the Education Building and to the various people who gave and supported the project with their prayers, money, and labor from the beginning. He also conveyed the member's thanks and appreciation to the former pastor, Eugene Burris, who started the building program and worked so faithfully to see it finished.

-November 25, - The church voted to accept a lot for a pastorium from Mr. And Mrs. Hubert Chaffin. Following is a letter from the long range planning Committee.

Your Long Range Planning Committee after careful study and consideration concerning a site for a pastorium for our church, and in a joint meeting With the deacons wish to make the following recommendations;

1- That Zion Baptist church express sincere appreciation to all who have thought of and proposed to give a plot of ground on which the church might build a pastorium.

2- That the church accept a plot of ground 150 ft frontage and 300 ft, deep offered to the church as a site for a pastorium, by Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Chaffin, located on the west side of the paved road on the north side of their property, next to what has been known as the Crater Property.

3- Since the above lot is a donation to the church, that a letter of recognition of the same be written to Mr. and Mrs. Chaffin, that may be used in reference to income tax returns.

Long Range Planning Committee and Deacons  
Of Zion Baptist Church

1967-September - The pastorium was completed and a dedication service was held at the church. Reverend R E Adams and Dr. Carlton Mitchell were the guest speakers. Following the service, everyone was invited to the "open-house" at the pastorium.

-A rotation system for the deacons was started instead of a person permanently serving on the deacon board for life.

1968 - Miss Nina Hemrick left two bequeaths to Zion Church, one to the cemetery fund to be used to clean old markers in the cemetery and the balance to go into the cemetery fund. The other bequeath was McLean



Trucking stock to the church to be utilized to the best advantage.

1969- October 12, Mr. Claud Howard and Mr. Clay Myers were elected as Deacons Emeritus.

1970- September 13, A new pump was installed by Clyde Tulbert at a cost of \$87.

-October - Zion Church withdrew from the Brier Creek Association and joined the Yadkin Association.

1972- January 23, A vote was taken on a motion to not have the afternoon Revival Services any more. Rev. Kenny was invited to be the revival speaker in July of this year.

-November 5, A motion was made to increase the insurance on the church building from \$30,000.00 to \$50,000.00.

-November 12, The Yadkin Baptist Association theme is "Together We Advance", It was recommended that Zion increase her giving to the Y B A by 10%.

-December 3, Theodore and Maye Wallace wished to donate paint to have the sanctuary painted. The church paid Elza Brown for doing the painting.

1973 - The sanctuary and Sunday School rooms in the old part were insulated.

- Rev. W. T. Furr was the Revival Speaker

1974 – On July 8, a note burning service was held. The pastorium debt was paid off.

-The Sanctuary and Sunday School rooms in the old part of the church and Education Building were air-conditioned. The Sanctuary was carpeted. All indebtedness was paid off.

-Rev. Bill Kimberlin was the guest revival Speaker.

-October 12, A Rex Rotary copying Machine was purchased for \$575.00. Also the Nina Class requested that they be allowed to remove the wall between their class and the room next door which was not being used. They would pay for all expenses, and later if the church choose to build a baptistery, they could do so.( This class was held at that time in the two classes behind the pulpit where the changing rooms are for the baptistery)



- 1975 – March 9, It was suggested that business meetings be held on the 5th Sunday except on special occasions. It was also suggested that the financial report be given quarterly instead of monthly. Insurance policy left the Perpetual Cemetery Fund by Gus Jennings.  
 - A new Wurlitzer organ was purchased for the church.
- 1976- February 28, Monies were taken out of the Building Fund Account to pay off the organ debt.  
 -August 8, Rev. Grady Burgiss donated some books to the Library.  
 -November 14, The electric heating units were to be installed in the Nina Classroom of the Educational Building, to keep from heating the entire building for a small group or gathering.
- 1977-January 9, Rev Grady Trivette’s name was suggested by the Pulpit Committee as their nominee.
- 1978- August 20, A motion was made and passed that the number of deacons be reduced from 9 to 6.
- 1979- January, Rev. W. T. Adams was to help in Revival services.  
 -July 29, The Deacons recommended that since President Jimmy Carter had suggested that all public buildings set their air conditions at 78 degrees that we comply with this request.
- 1990-October 14, The exterior of the Education Building was painted.
- 1991- July 7, Guidelines were established for sending flowers in the event of a death. They will be sent as a memorial for a mother, father, brother, sister, child or spouse.  
 -October 13, The budget was amended to increase insurance coverage for  
 an additional two hundred fifty thousand dollars.
- 1992- January 12, Painted the Sanctuary ceiling and walls, Cost was twenty five hundred dollars.  
 - March, Supported through a Love Offering Robbie Howard (Ralph and Gwennie’s grandson) for a mission trip to the Ukrain in Russia.  
 - April 12, The Deacons recommended that the Sunday School rooms, hall



- and ceilings be painted in the old Education Part of the church. Also that the lights in the classrooms and hall be replaced with florescent lights. The cost was \$709.00.

-The Zelda Howard Brohill estate gave \$6,000.00 to the church to purchase two stain glass windows, new lights for the sanctuary and the remainder to go to the carpet fund for the sanctuary.

-June 14, The Carpet Lighting Committee reported back that they could get lights, carpet and new cushions for the pews to match the carpet for a cost of \$8,000.00.

-December 13, Carpet was put on the front porch of the sanctuary and the Education Building.

1993- February 14, Jim Monico gave in memory of his wife Ila Holland Monico, a new light for over the pulpit and a table to be placed at the back of the sanctuary.

-February 21-28 Participated in the World Mission Conference of the Yadkin Baptist Association.

-April Zion hosted the Yadkin Baptist Association Semi-Annual meeting.

-July 18, Painting of the church sanctuary roof cost \$2,500.00.

-a motion was made to purchase playground equipment for the children at an approximate cost of \$475.00

-November 14, Bibles, bulletin boards, curtains and other items or repairs were done in all the Sunday School Rooms

1994- February 14, Rev Douglas Spurlock announced his retirement effective April 24

- March 27 A retirement gift of a 10" X 16" storage building was Given to the Spurlock's.

-November 13, A new NP1500 Canon Copier was purchased for the Church.

1995- March 1996 A new dishwasher was installed and the walls in the basement at the Pastorium were painted.

1996- April 14, A short Business meeting was held to vote on the calling Rev. Dennis Shaw as Pastor. The vote was 100% in favor of the call. He accepted.

-September 15, A telephone calling tree was purchased so that the





congregation or specific groups in the church such as Deacons, committees would be called by a machine message to notify them of important events.

-October 20, The church purchased a van from Berea Baptist Church of Elizabeth City.

-November 10, The church voted to support Rev. & Mrs. Dennis Bell on their mission to work in Colorado at \$50.00 per month.

-Replaced the roofing shingles on the Education Building at a cost of \$4,576.00.

-The Grounds Committee voted to remove a tree at the corner of the cemetery.

1997- March 2,, The double doors at the entrance to the basement of the fellowship hall were replaced.

-The family of Irene Brown Grose donated carpet to be put down in the library and preschool room in her memory.

- April 13, the exterior of the church was painted.

-A picnic shelter was added over the doors leading into the basement, at an estimated cost of \$3,047.00.

-June 8, A handicapped bathroom was installed on The main floor of the Education Building at an approximate cost of \$1,200.00.

-August 17, The Church voted to change its finances to a calendar year running from January 1 – December 31 starting with the New Year.

-August 24, A towing hitch was added to the van so it can be more efficiently used for mission trips.

1998- January 25, The insurance was updated on the church buildings

- August 30, A shelter was purchased to park the van in.

- November 11, An artificial Christmas tree was purchase because of the possible fire hazard of a live tree drying out.

1999- February 7. The Education Building had insulation blown in overhead to save on heating and cooling.

-May 9, Carpet was installed in the Education Building in the halls, classrooms and steps.

-It was voted on to add more cabinets in the basement.

-A Pictorial Directory Committee was appointed

-August 22, It was announced that additional cabinets would be purchased for the basement with money donated from the Eugenia



Shuffler Memorial Fund.

-October 10, A hearing aid and sound system were purchased for the church. It was paid for with a Bank CD which was recently found which totaled \$ 19,100.00. The cost of the system was \$8,802.00, the remainder of the CD money was sent to the North Carolina Baptist Men to be use in the Hurricane Floyd disaster relief.

-December 12, A motion was made that the church pay a fee of \$25.00 per person, which covered the cost of the meals for each person going to the eastern part of the state to work in disaster relief.

2000- February 27, A new Minolta Copier was purchased for printing bulletins and reports for the church.

-March 12, New kitchen accessories were purchased for the kitchen in the fellowship hall.

-April 1, A community benefit was held at the Windsors X Roads Community Building for Nona and Karen Hoots to help raise money to build a new home. Their previous home burned on February 29 and Waldo died as a result. Approximately \$20,000.00 was raised.

-July 16, The Cemetery Committee instituted a new policy of charging for burial plots for non-members. Members were to choose their plots in the next six months and former members had the next six months to choose their plots, and then the charge was to take effect for former members as well.

-A special Thank-you was expressed to Raymond Shuffler for his and Eugenia's work as Treasurer of the Cemetery Funds.

- It was recommended from the Deacon Board that the church become Incorporated because of liability concerns.

2000- July 16, A memorial gift of \$5,000.00 was given from the family of Bessie Cook. The deacons recommended that this money be the start of a BUILDING FUND to build a new Fellowship Hall which would be ground level with the parking lot. The idea came out of a Sunday School meeting in which Leon Thomasson stated that the old fellowship hall could be converted to need larger classrooms and that the older folks like himself were finding it hard to walk up and down the walk way to the basement. The College Careers class was now meeting in the basement.

- October 8, The Deacons recommended the church send \$300.00 to help the Y B A to help purchase and equip the Mission Shower Trailor.



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-Handrails were installed on the back steps of the Education Building

2001- February 11, A fee of \$1,200.00 was paid for surveying the 2 ½ acres donated to the church by Clyde and Willie Mae Tulbert. A Special Thanks was expressed to them from the church for the land.

-\$200.00 per month for the next six months is to be given to the "Light in The Darkness Ministry". A new church started by Jerry Wallace that is reaching many unchurched people. It is meeting in The old Houstonville School Building.

-A new church van was purchased



# Take Time to Be Holy

W. D. LONGSTAFF

GEO. C. STEBBINS



1. Take time to be ho - ly, Speak oft with thy Lord; A - bide in Him
2. Take time to be ho - ly, The world rush-es on; Spend much time in
3. Take time to be ho - ly, Let Him be thy Guide, And run not be-
4. Take time to be ho - ly, Be calm in thy soul; Each tho't and each



al - ways, And feed on His Word: Make friends of God's chil - dren;  
se - cret With Je - sus a - lone— By look - ing to Je - sus,  
fore Him, What - ev - er be - tide; In joy or in sor - row,  
mo - tive Be - neath His con - trol; Thus led by His Spir - it



Help those who are weak; For - get - ting in noth - ing His bless - ing to seek.  
Like Him thou shalt be; Thy friends in thy con - duct His like - ness shall see.  
Still fol - low thy Lord, And, look - ing to Je - sus, Still trust in His Word.  
To foun - tains of love, Thou soon shalt be fit - ted For serv - ice a - bove.



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## VI. CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

**A. Sunday School-** Not all years of the Sunday School materials will be covered in this area. When possible the SS enrollment names will be listed, or those that have some interesting facts. In the following pages is some of the history of Zion Baptist Church as related to our Sunday School. As much as possible I have tried to type names as exactly as possible as to the way they were printed. Traditionally a Sunday school would have scripture, read the lesson, sing songs and adjourn until the next Sabbath or recess for preaching. There are many, many more SS records to go through.

The first Sunday School was organized by E.N. Gwyn in December 1876. Welborn Wright was appointed superintendent. In 1882, there were 50 members of the Sunday School. The next records found of the Sunday School were for 1910, when it was reorganized with E. N. Gwyn as superintendent, and H. G. Sale , secretary. There was no Sunday School in the winter months. Each spring it was reorganized. Mr. I.G. Reid began serving as superintendent in April 1927. In 1949, the church presented a gift of appreciation to Mr. Reid for his years of service as Sunday School Superintendent.

The following are names that were registered as members of Sunday School in March of 1910. Listed below are the male members of the Sunday School.

Grady Burgiss	E. N. Gwyn	Shady Myers
Roy Burgiss	Emmet Hemrick	Harold Parks
T. E. Burgiss	G. B. Hemrick	W. F. Parks
Walter Burgiss	J. S. Hemrick	E. M. Sale
C. C. Cash	George Hoots	H. G. Sale
Albert Cooper		T. M. Sale
Earl Cooper	W. R. Hoots	Luther Wallis
T. H. Cooper	Jimmy Howard	Chester York
W. A. Cooper	J. P. Howard	Fred York
Andrew Couch	Jay Johnson	Graham York
E. M. Couch	J. T. Johnson	W. B. York
Thomas Couch	Lonnie Johnson	
Willie Couch	Gaston Myers	



Listed here are the female members of the Zion Sunday School in March of 1910.

Bertha Branon	Winnie Hoots	Ella Sale
Mary Branon	Maud Howard	Emma Sale
Annie Cooper	Zelda Howard	Cleo Turbiville
Carrie Cooper	Dottie Johnson	Eva Wallis
Effie Couch	Mary Myers	Nannie Bell Wallis
Fannie Cooper	Sallie Myers	Ethel York
Mayme Hemrick	Etta Parks	Hazel York
Nina Hemrick	Jettie Parks	Myrtle York
Daisy Holler	China Redman	

From 1910 – 1923 the records show that the Sunday School met usually in the spring of the year and elected officers. The following paragraph is an exact wording of the minutes of March 27, 1910.

“Met for the purpose of organizing S. S. former Supt. T. E. Burgiss acting as Chrm. Elected by ballot the following officers. Rev. E. N. Gwyn, Supt.; J. P. Howard, Asst. Supt.; H. G. Sale, Secty. J. T. Johnson Asst. Secty.

The Chrm. Appointed W. B. York and H. G. Sale to arrange the different classes. It was decided by vote of the school to use Literature or lesson helps, the Supt. and Secty. were to select and order the different kinds needed for the classes. The classes arranged read chapter, after singing by the choir, the school adjourned to meet next Sabbath at 9:30 Am.

E. N. Gwyn Supt. H. G. Sale Secty. “

It is interesting to note that during the years of 1910 through 1920's that minutes of the Sunday School were taken each week and that the minutes were read and approved each Sunday for the previous Sunday.

It is also interesting to note the records of numbers were kept separate for the male and the females. On April 10, 1910 the number of males present was 27 and females were 16, for a total of 41. There were 5 teachers present.

The records don't say what the weather was but that due to the inclemency of the weather there was no school on April 17, 1910. Since most folks at that time were depending on horses or walking for transportation it could have been a bad rainy spell.

On May 15, 1910 Rev. Comer opened the Sunday school by reading and prayer. After the classes were arranged and recited the lesson, they



adjourned for preaching. This is the first time that a preaching worship service is listed since March 27<sup>th</sup>.

May 29, 1910 Rev E. N. Gwyn “gave an interesting talk on our duty to the Sunday School”.

The choir usually sang a song at the end of each “Sabbath” service. On June 26, 1910 it was written into the minutes that the “school sang some good songs and they adjourned with benediction by Supt. School to meet next Sabbath at 9:30 AM.

‘July 17, 1910 being preaching day there was no school. School closed July 24, 1910.

It is assumed from these minutes that Sunday School was held only from the last Sunday of March through July 24, 1910. That is a time span of four months.

April 2, 1911 the following were the male members of the Sunday School.

A. S. Branon	E. M. Couch	R. P. Mitchell
Chas. Branon	Thomas Couch	Sherman Mitchell
Harvey Branon	Willie Couch	Gaston Myers
Marvin Branon	E. N. Gwyn	Shady Myers
Grady Burgiss	Emmet Hemrick	E. M. Sale
T. E. Burgiss	G. B. Hemrick	T. M. Sale
Walter Burgiss	J. S. Hemrick	T. A. Smith
J. R. Cook	George Hoots	J. A. Whitlock
Albert Cooper	Claud Howard	Emory Windsor
Earl Cooper	Jimmy Howard	Chester York
T. H. Cooper	Jay Johnson	Graham York
W. A. Cooper	Lonnie Johnson	W. B. York
Andrew Couch	David Mitchell	



Following are the female members April 2, 1911;

Bertha Branon	Maude Howard	Leona Smith
Maggie Branon	Zelda Howard	Mary Trivette
Manie Branon	Effie Mitchell	Nita (Anita)
Martha Branon	Hessie Mitchell	Tutterow
Mary Branon	Vertie Mitchell	Blanche Tutterow
Carrie Cooper	Mary Myers	Ida Tutterow
Fannie Cooper	Sally Myers	Ethel York
Effie Couch	Emma Reed	Hazel York
Mayme Hemrick	Mary Reed	Myrtle York
Nina Hemrick	Ella Sale	Eva Wallis
Winnie Hots	Emma Sale	

On April 2, 1911 a collection was taken for the purpose of buying Literature. W. B. York was elected Superintendent, R. P Mitchell Asst. Supt. Fannie Cooper Secty. And J. S. Hemrick Asst. Secty.

On April 9, 1911, the following teachers were elected. E. M. Sale 1<sup>st</sup> class male, R. P. Mitchell 2<sup>nd</sup> class male, G. B. Hemrick 1<sup>st</sup> class female, Ethel York 2<sup>nd</sup> class female. T. E, Burgiss classed male and female. There were 26 males and 15 females present. May 21 is the first mention of preaching.

There is no mention of Sunday school being mentioned from June 9, 1911 until January 21, 1912.

On January 21, 1912 the following officers were elected by ballot. G. B. Hemrick Supt., W. B. York Asst. Supt. and J. F. Johnson Sec. Rev. E. N. Gwyn and W. A. Myers gave short talks on the importance of attending S.S..

There was cooperation between and churches and denominations in the early days. As noted on February 4, 1912; "No School today on account of Revival meeting At Wesley Chapel" Methodist Church.

"February 18, 1912, School open by singing, after which the school read the lesson. Our pastor Rev. T. E. Redmond then took up the lesson and explained it. School then adj. for preaching"

" Feb. 26, 1912 School opened by reading, singing and prayers. Supt. being absent F. W. York was elected Supt. Classes arranged and read the lesson. Males present 14, Female present 6."





“March 3, 1912 No school today on account of Snow”

“March 10, 1912 No school today on account of Revival meeting at St. Paul Methodist conducted by Evangelist Maness.”

On March 17, 1912 “ A talk on use of literature by W. B. York and E. N. Gwyn. The school then decided to use the Literature.” Males present 20, females present 10 collection \$1.25. adjourned for preaching.”

Following is the list of Sunday school members in January 1912

Charlie Branon	Willie Couch	W. F. Parks
Grady Burgiss	Rev. E. N. Gwyn	E. M. Sale
T. E. Burgiss	G. B. Hemrick	G. M. Sale
Walter Burgiss	W. E. Hemrick	Clifton Wallace
Raymon Clara	George Hoots	Luke Wallis
Hue Crater	James Howard	Yancy Wallis
J. R. Cook	L. G. Johnson	J. A. Whitlock
Albert Cooper	J. T. Johnson	Emory Windsor
Earl Cooper	Sherman Mitchell	Chester York
T. H. Cooper	Gaston Myers	G. D. York
Andrew Couch	H. C. Myers	G. W. York
Thomas Couch	Shady Myers	W. B. York

The female members in January 1912 were;

Bertha Branon	Mayme Hemrick	Leona Smith
Mary Branon	Winnie Hoots	Cleo Turbiville
Manie Branon	Zelda Howard	Anita Tutterow
Martha Branon	Dsa Mitchell	Blanche Tutterow
Mrs. J. R. Cook	Hessie Mitchell	Ida Tutterow
Carrie Cooper	Vertie Mitchell	Mattie Whitlock
Fannie Cooper	Mrs. J. A. Myers	Ethel York
Mrs. T. H. Cooper	Mary Myers	Hazel York
Effie Couch	Sallie Myers	Myrtle York
Anna Hemrick	Mrs. W. F. Parks	
Nina Hemrick	Mrs. E. M. Sale	

March 24, 1912 “ No. present 9 school small because of inclement weather”



March 31, 1912 "Classes to be definitely arranged and form of Secretary's report to be changed April 7, 1912. Present 40"

April 14, 1912 Teachers are as follows; Male class # 1 T. E. Burgiss, Male class # 2 W. B. York,

Female class # 1 Fannie Cooper, Female class # 2 Mrs. J. R. Cook, Primary class G. W. York

Total present 48 . G. B. Hemrick was the Supt. and J. F. Johnson Sec.

April 28, 1912 total collection 63 cents. After the school, had a short intermission and reassembled. Rev. J. T. Chappel gave an interesting talk.

June 9, 1912, School small today on account of the burial of Olin Allred at St. Paul.

June 16 1912 Voted to use Literature again next quarter. 57 present.

The S. S. roll for 1913 follows. This was the first time that males and females were listed together.

Grady Burgiss	Mamie Hemrick	E. M. Sale
Roy Burgiss	Nina Hemrick	Ella Sale
T. E. Burgiss	George Hoots	Turner Sale
Walter Burgiss	Winnie Hoots	Cordie Trivette
Albert Cooper	Claude Howard	Hattie Trivette
Jamie Cooper	James Howard	Mary Trivette
Earl Cooper	Maude Howard	Minnie Trivette
T. H. Cooper	Zelda Howard	R. R. Trivette
Andrew Couch	J. F. Johnson	Cleo Turbiville
Effie Couch	J. H. Johnson	John Welborn
R. W. Couch	Sherman Mitchell	Andrew Whitlock
Thomas Couch	Bessie Myers	E. A. Windsor
Willie Couch	Gaston Myers	E. L. Windsor
W.A. Crater	H. C. Myers	Chester York
Hugh Crater	Sallie Myers	Ethel York
James Crater	Shady Myers	Graham York
Rev. E. N. Gwyn	Cordie Parks	Hazel York
G. B. Hemrick	Jettie Parks	Myrtle York
	Risdon Parks	W. B. York
	W. F. Parks	



“April 6, 1913 -Officers were elected by ballot as follows G. B. Hemrick Supt., W. B. York Asst., Emory Windsor Sect., Clay Myers Asst.; Misses Fannie Cooper, Ethel York, Sallie Myers and Messrs. W. B. York, H.C. Myers and J. F. Johnson were appointed Teachers.” The school also voted to use lesson helps and adjourned until 9:30AM.the next Sabbath.

June 29, 1913- no school because of a funeral. (the records did not tell whose funeral).

January 25, 1914- Officers elected were E. M. Sale Supt, W. B. York Asst., W. A. Crater Secy., adjourned until next Sabbath at 10:00 AM.

March 14, 1915- The following officers were elected by acclamation E. M. Sale Supt., G. W. Bridges Asst., Sec. R. S. Parks Sec. And H.C. Myers Asst. Sec. Adjourned until the next Sabbath at 9:30 AM.

April 20, 1915- School was opened by Mr. Robert Mitchell. The lesson was read and discussed. The total present was 55. After the choir sang a few songs, school was dismissed to meet next Sabbath at 9:30AM.

June 13, 1915- A collection was taken to buy literature for the next quarter in the amount of \$1.23

June 20, 1915- A collection of .40c was taken, there were 61 present.

March 15, 1916- Officers elected were G. W. Bridges Supt., G. B. Hemric Asst. Supt., R. S. Parks Sec. H. C. Myers Asst. Sec.

The roll for pupils for the year 1916 follows; MALES

G. W. Bridges	Hugh Crater	J. R. Johnson
Curt Hemric	James Crater	Dock Myers
G. B. Hemric	W. A. Crater	Gaston Myers
J. S. Hemric	Clark Hepler	H. C. Myers
Albert Cooper	Pete Hepler	Shady Myers
Earl Cooper	Claude Holland	Jim Parks
W. A. Cooper	George Holland	Chester York
Andrew Couch	Quince Holland	F. W. York
Thos Couch	George Hoots	W. B. York
R. W. Couch	Claud Howard	
Willie Couch	Jim Howard	



FEMALES members in 1913

Effie Couch	Zelda Howard	Dottie Trivette
Mamie Hemric	Sallie Myers	Lillie Trivette
Nina Hemric	Cordie Parks	Ethel York
Nancy Hoots	Jettie Parks	Hazel York
Winnie Hoots	Lucy Parks	Mrytle York
Maude Howard	Pearl Parks	

July 23, 1916-“ As there were not many present. We did not have any S.S. After singing several songs, we were dismissed by the Supt. not to have any more S.S. for a season.”

April 8, 1917 – Officers elected were Ezra Campbell Supt., W. B. York Asst. Supt., Vet Hemric Sec., F. W. York Asst.

June 3, 1917 – No S.S. classes on the account of the memorial service for Claud Warren by the M.W.A. speaker Zeb Long.

June 24, 1917 “Our Pastor, Bro. Redman was not able to preach, Bro. Gus Myers conducted services.

April 7, 1918- Officers elected were Ezra W. Campbell Supt., W. B. York Asst., George Hoots Sec., and Chester York Asst. Sec. Lesson Helps distributed to those present.

The S.S. roll for 1918 is MALES

Harvey Branon	Paul Hemric	Shady Myers
Gaither Bridges	Aaron Holland	Charlie Parks
G. W. Bridges	Claude Holland	Jim Parks
Webb Bridges	George Holland	W. F. Parks
E. W. Campbell	George Hoots	W. M. Parks
Albert Cooper	Otas Chaffin Hoots	E. M. Sale
Earl Cooper	Claud Howard	Boyd Tutterow
Thos Couch	James Howard	Geo. Wilborn
Willie Couch	L. G. Johnson	Chester York
Hugh Crater	Lonnie Johnson	W. B. York
James Crater	Gaston Myers	
Curt Hemric	(Soldier)	
G. B. Hemric	Clay Myers	





FEMALES members in 1918

Maggie Branon	Maude Howard	Pearl Parks
Margarette Branon	Zelda Howard	Anna Lou Sale
Susie Branon	Hessie Mitchell	Dottie Trivette
Vonie Branon	Isa Mitchell	Lillie Trivette
Annie Cooper	Collie Myers	Anita Tutterow
Mary Cooper	Eula Myers	Mary Wilborn
Effie Couch	Jewel Myers	Camilla York
Chloe Crater	Maude Myers	Ethel York
Mamie Hemric	Sallie Myers	Hazel York
Nina Hemric	Cordie Parks	Mrytle York
Nancy Hoots	Jettie Parks	
Winnie Hoots	Lucy Parks	

On April 27, 1919 the only change in S.S. officers from 1918 was that Shady Myers was elected as Asst. Sec.

On April 18, 1920 the following officers were elected; Ezra Campbell Supt., E. M. Sale Asst., Nina Hemric Sec., and Annie Cooper Asst.

March 20, 1921 the following officers were elected. E. M. Sale Supt. E. W. Campbell Asst., A. H. Cooper Sect., Mamie Hemric Asst. Sec.

Following is a list of SS class members in 1930-31

BIBLE CLASS- 1930-31

E. M. Sale, E. A. Windsor, Geo. Hoots, Lonnie Johnson, Claud Howard, Huston Jurney, H.C. Myers, J. A. Chaffin, Geo. Campbell, G. V. Cooke, W.A. Cooper, J.T. Jennings, Burch Tutterow, J. S. Myers.

YOUNG MEN'S CLASS- 1930-31

Charlie Parks, Craig Parks, Shady Myers, Harvey Trivette, Berlie Trivette, Ezra Reid, Royal Reid, Sherman Whitlock, Earl Cooper, Jim Parks, Edgar Turner, Frank Turner, Commie Turner, James Crater, Hugh Crater.

LADIES CLASS- 1930-31

Cordia Parks, Minnie Trivette, Annie Cooper, Mary Cooper, Nina Hemric, Cordia Trivette, Viola Trivette, Anna Lou Sale, Mrs. R.R. Trivette, Mrs. J. A. Chaffin, Mrs. D. C. Clanton, Mrs. G. B. Hemric, Mrs. G. A. Hoots, Mrs.



Claud Howard, Mrs. S. L. Myers, Freddie Wallace, Mrs. E. M. Sale, Mrs. G. U. Cook, Mrs. Lonnie Johnson, Oralea Crater.

#### INTERMEDIATE CLASS- 1930-31

Marjorie Sale, Mabel Cooper, Bessie Cook, Annie Trivette, Eva Hemric, Frank Hemric, Ray Windsor, Preston Baity, Eugene Reid, Alice Wallace, Geneva Chaffin, Lottie Clanton, Johnnie Trivette, Vernon Clanton, Frank Clanton, Marshal Howard, Willie Wallace, Pierce Tutterow, Tressie Tutterow, Chloe Crater, Thelma York, Rex York, Smith Mitchell, Addie Mitchell, Emily Crater.

#### JUNIOR CLASS 1930-31

Pearl Cook, Nyolene Cook, Vera Painter, Willie Mae Sale, Lucy Reid, Waldo Hoots, William Myers, Ray Hemric, Lessie Campbell, Bessie Holland, Carroll Holland, R. B. Holland, Hubert Chaffin, Marie Myers, Vestal Wallace, Henry Johnson, Allen Tutterow, Burch Tutterow, Florence Tutterow, Coyte York, Howard York.

#### PRIMARY CLASS- 1930-31

Stella Johnson, Ruby Johnson, Esther Campbell, Martha Campbell, Paul Windsor, Meryl Windsor, Faye Hoots, K. Lea Hoots, H.C. Myers, Lucile Myers, Ruby Dean Myers, John A. Myers, John Howard, Hal Howard, Ruby Wallace, Ruth Wallace, Loraine Clanton, Odell Clanton, Nellie Holland, Ila Holland, Paul Journey, Roy Journey, Corbet Cook, Marion Cook, Paul Cook, Gladys Holland, Ira Tutterow.

From Jan. 1934 – Jan. 1935 the number of Officers and teachers was 11, the number of pupils enrolled was 100 with an average attendance of 83.

The literature for the first quarter of 1934 cost a total of \$4.80 for 66 quarterlies.



## **Sunday School enrollment for 1934?**

OFFICERS- I. G. Reid Supt.: J. M. Hoots (Ass't. Supt); A. Cooper(Sec) ;  
G. Chaffin (Asst. S/T)

TEACHERS -J. M. Hoots, A. H. Cooper, I. G. Reid, Mrs. A. H. Cooper,  
F. Wallace, Mrs. Noah Fox, L. Parks

CLASS # 1- E. M. Sale, H. C. Myers, G. B. Campbell, Lonnie Johnson,  
Geo. Hoots, Claud Howard, J. A. Chaffin, J. W. Mullis, G. J. Myers, W. A.  
Cooper, H. A. Journey

CLASS # 2- Noah Fox, Vernon Clanton, Charles Parks, Frank Clanton,  
Vestal Wallace, Berlie Trivette, Frank Hemrick, Rex York, Johnnie Trivette

CLASS # 3- Pearl Cook, Cordia Parks, Bessie Cook, Mrs. Geo. Hoots,  
Mrs. Charles Parks, Mrs. H. C. Myers, Coetta Trivette, Viola Trivette, Nina  
Hemric, Anna Lou Sale, Mrs. Chalmers Holcomb, Mrs. Maggie Mullis,  
Mrs. Geo. Campbell, Mrs. J. A. Chaffin, Mrs. Claud Howard

CLASS # 4- Alma Campbell, Willie Mae Sale, Nyolene Cook, Lessie  
Campbell, Atwell Clanton, Ray Hemric, Carroll Holland, Bessie Holland,  
Margie Hoots, Minnie Hoots, Waldo Hoots, Marie Myers

CLASS # 5- Esther Campbell, Maline Holcomb, Lorene Clanton, Lucille  
Myers, Marion Cook, William Myers, R. B. Holland, Odell Clanton, Hubert  
Chaffin, J. D, Hoots, Henry Johnson, Wilford Campbell, Mary Belle Gentle,  
Hal Howard, Ruby Wallace.

In January 1935 the SS enrollment was 113, the average attendance was 72  
or 63%.

In Feb. 1935 the SS enrollment was 121, the average attendance was 92 or  
76%.

In March 1935 the SS enrollment was 139 with an average attendance of 116  
or 83 %.

The first Sunday School rooms were completed in 1935. The first classes  
were held in them Sunday, April 1st, 1935.

Easter Sunday April 21, 1935 there was 86 present and the offering was  
\$1.57.



On March 17, 1935 the collection was \$2.04 and there was 141 present. On May 11, 1935 which was Mothers Day the attendance was 101 with an offering of \$2.70. \$3.00 was sent to the Baptist Hospital as a Mother's Day offering.

On July 20, 1935 a SS Convention by the Briar Creek Baptist Association at Pleasant Grove Church in Wilkes County, The following were messengers, I. G. Reid, Nina Hemric, Freddie Wallace, Willie Mae Sale, Coetta Trivette. I. G. Reid Supt. and Annie Cooper was Sec.

On October 20, 1935 the offering was \$2.40 which was given to the Pastor Mr. Linney.

The early part of 1936 the attendance had dropped from the low hundreds to the fifties and sixties.

On March 22, 1936 there was 77 present and the offering was \$5.11 which was given to flood sufferers (there was no reference as to whether the sufferers were close or far away).

On Nov. 1, 1936 the Assoc. letter was approved, the SS enrollment was 124, with an average 77 attendance and the offering for the year was \$46.52.

On Sept. 13, 1937 the Assoc. letter was read and approved. The SS enrollment was 120 with an average attendance of 73, The gifts for the year was \$52.45.

In 1949, additional Sunday School rooms were built and the church was remodeled.

More Sunday School material to come in Vol. II

## **B. BAPTIST MEN**

NC Baptist Men Disaster Relief by Judy Howard

On September 15, 1999 Hurricane Floyd devastated the eastern third of NC. Thousands of homes were destroyed by record flooding from the Neuse and Tar Rivers. The need for immediate relief became an unsurpassed situation for every national, state and local assistance. Baptist Men in NC have always been generous and available to step in and take charge,





physically and spiritually to disastrous situations . Years of experience in relief from loss of homes, church rebuilding and support from Hurricane Andrew in Florida are recent memories those volunteers would carry for a lifetime.

Yadkin Baptist Men's Director, Tom Stroud came to Zion to address the needs of the Edgecombe County area. Tarboro and Princeville were suffering from record flooding. Tom burdened the heart of Zion. A pretty picture was not painted. He moved the hearts of men, women and children with his testimonial pain and sorrow that Floyd had brought to our neighbors. Our hearts became heavy as he described the devastation he had witnessed. The challenge he put before us was one of dire need. He wasted no words on the unpleasant conditions we would find ourselves in, and the risk of disease from flood waters, sewage and the lack of necessities we would face. God touched the deepest part of our hearts. Fear was forgotten. Zion was more than ready to go. After a few shots, tools were quickly gathered and we were on our way to not one but nearly a dozen trips.

The first team to leave Zion the last of September was Steve Tulbert, Ronnie and Judy Howard, Jonathan Campbell, Dennis Shaw and Mike Howard. As you will find in the latter minute's section a check for over \$9,000.00 was sent to the NC Baptist for Disaster Relief. All of the above mentioned and Tracy Spencer and Kyle Howard made numerous trips on weekends in the following months to ensure the rebuilding process. Our Church and many others adopted home for completion. Ronnie and his family spent their Christmas holidays working on homes. Kyle was a very dedicated 12 year old as his heart was full from the sights and conditions we faced.

The first trips made were simply hard nasty and often sickening. We sent to the curbs all the possessions these families owned. We called it "mudding out". This simply meant stripping the house down to a beginning skeletal structure, disinfecting, pressure washing what ever was left. Rebuilding would take place much later. As our commitment grew through God's help, our physical fortitude grew also. God gave us a strength and an urgency to help as many as we could each trip we made. Our mission though was not solely to physically repair homes and families, but to let them know we were there through the commission of Jesus Christ to help thy neighbor and give them hope that comes only from God. We created relationships with each family and gave them a Bible signed by all members of Zion workers. We teamed up with Sandy Springs and South Oak Ridge Baptist Churches on these trips. We pooled resources and through God's help we made what seemed to big to tackle, happen. These were joyful time together.



Tarboro First Baptist was our home at night after long hours of labor. E.V. Poindexter and the whole congregation opened their doors for months to accommodate anyone and everyone that volunteered. Sunday School rooms became homes, the fellowship hall was a place to go for Baptist relief.

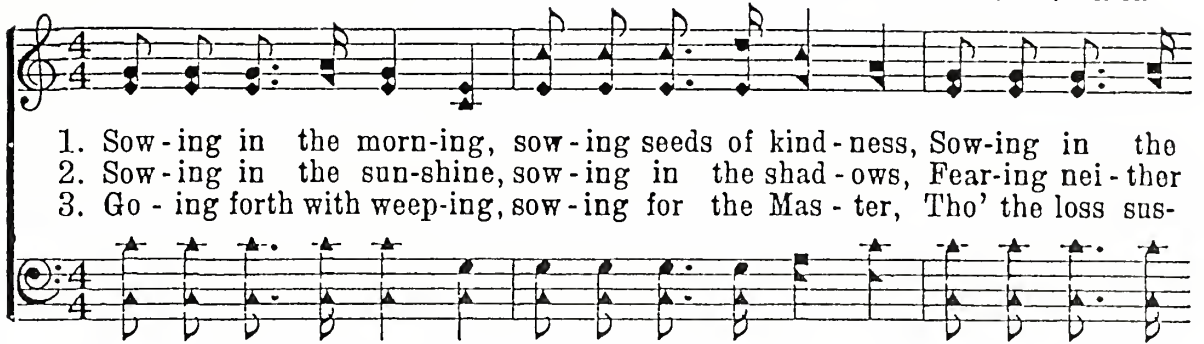
As the rebuilding phase finally became reality. Numerous groups of young people from many baptists churches participated. Among those from Zion was Adam, Kyle and Travis Howard. Valuable lessons, realities and senses of loss and compassion moved these young people. We at Zion are grateful that God has led us to a higher spiritual point some of us had never been to. Through God all things are possible, we were his tools. One note of personal witness was to a little girl of about 5 years of age. She asked why we were there? God loves you and so do we, was the reply. Anyone in need spiritually and physically can be led to the Jesus Christ.



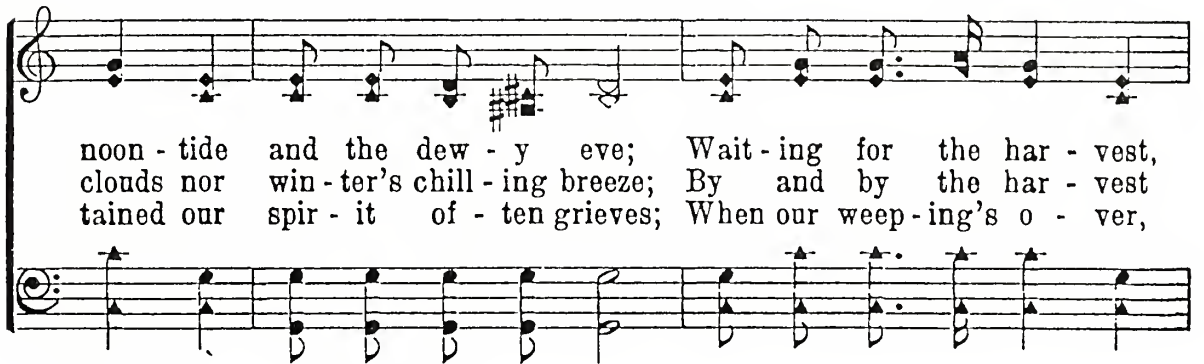
# Bringing In the Sheaves

KNOWLES SHAW

GEORGE A. MINOR



1. Sow-ing in the morn-ing, sow-ing seeds of kind-ness, Sow-ing in the  
2. Sow-ing in the sun-shine, sow-ing in the shad-ows, Fear-ing nei-ther  
3. Go-ing forth with weep-ing, sow-ing for the Mas-ter, Tho' the loss sus-

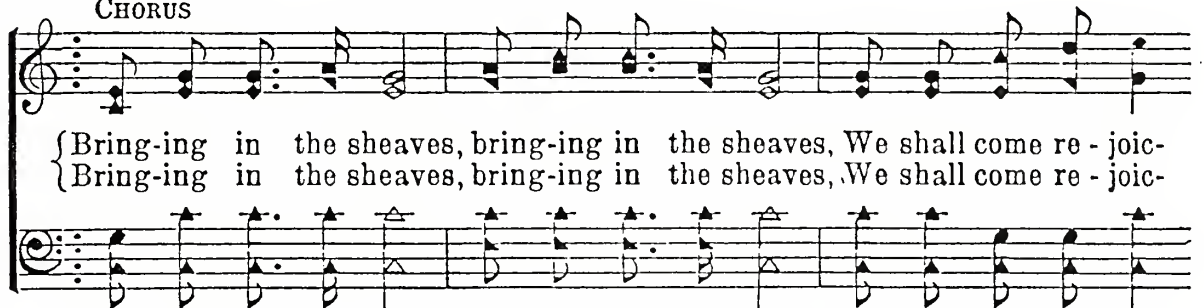


noon-tide and the dew-y eve; Wait-ing for the har-vest,  
clouds nor win-ter's chill-ing breeze; By and by the har-vest  
tained our spir-it of-ten grieves; When our weep-ing's o-ver,

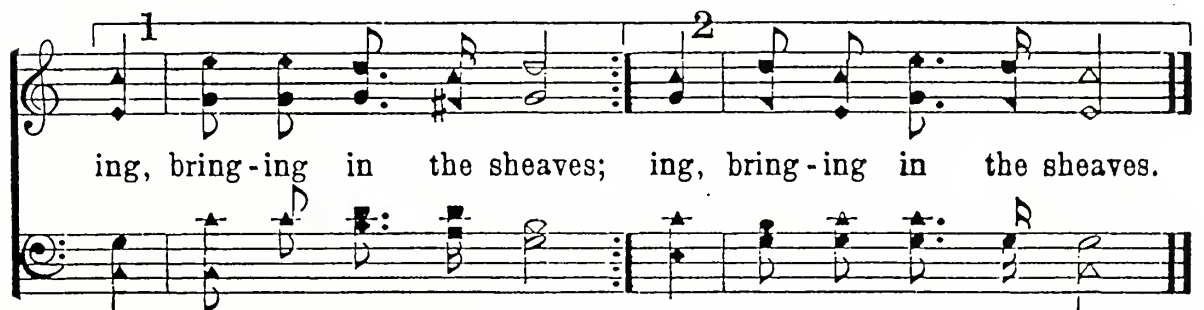


and the time of reap-ing, We shall come re-joic-ing, bring-ing in the sheaves.  
and the la-bor end-ed, We shall come re-joic-ing, bring-ing in the sheaves.  
He will bid us wel-come, We shall come re-joic-ing, bring-ing in the sheaves.

## CHORUS



{Bring-ing in the sheaves, bring-ing in the sheaves, We shall come re-joic-  
{Bring-ing in the sheaves, bring-ing in the sheaves, We shall come re-joic-



ing, bring-ing in the sheaves; ing, bring-ing in the sheaves.



## VII. CHRONOLOGICAL CHURCH MEMBERSHIP LIST

The following is a chronological membership listing of the present members of Zion Baptist Church. It should be noted that some members joined the church, moved away and moved their membership and later returned. The earliest membership was recorded here when possible. Others the exact date of their membership is not known, but their baptizing date is so that was used. I hope no names were left out. If so please let us know. \* exact date not known

1930- Oct. 5	Willie Mae Sale Tulbert
1932- Sept. 4	Lessie Campbell Williams
1936- Sept. 27	Nellie Tutterow H. Foreman
1937-Sept. 26	Homer Clay Myers
1938- Sept. 25	Faye Hoots Chaffin
1938- Sept. 25	Tressie Tutterow
1938- Sept. 25	John K. Howard
1938- Sept. 28	Clyde Leon Tulbert
1939	Paul W. Journey
1940- Sept. 22	Magdalene C. Ellis
1940- Sept 22	Ralph Howard
1941- Sept. 28	Ruth York Cass.
*1944-	Joanna Brown Green
1944- Sept. 24	Luther Enoch Campbell
1944- Sept. 24	Mabel Brown Gryder
1945- Sept. 16	Maye Allen Wallace
1945- Sept. 23	Raymond Shuffler
1945- Sept. 23	Theodore H. Wallace
1946- Sept. 22	Beatrice Dickerson Thomasson
1947- Sept. 27	Lynette Holland Murphy
1947- Sept. 27	Annie Dickerson Trivette
1947- Sept. 27	Dwight Linnie Myers
1949- Aug. 27	Sammy L. Myers
1949-Aug. 27	Anna Myers Robbins
1949- Sept. 25	Francis H. Journey
1950- Sept. 24	Mary Bell
1950- Sept. 24	Alma Sue Sloan
1951- Sept. 23	Lee Howard
1951- Sept. 23	Joseph Pinkney (J P) Trivette
1952- Nov. 23	Vernon V. Hall
1953- July 19	Perry "Bud" Holland
1953- July 19	Patty Mauldin Reece
1953- Oct. 5	Hubert Mauldin





1954- July 22	Gwennie T. Howard
1956- July 8	Michael Howard
1954- July 18	Wayne Campbell
1955- July 10	Mary Frances Chaffin McBride
1955- July 24	Lee Preston Somers
1956- July 8	Ernest Mauldin
1957- July 28	John K. Chaffin
1957- July 28	Mickey Reid
1957- July 28	Grady Marshal Trivette
1958- July 20	Charles Horace Cass
1958- July 20	Robert (Bob) Trivette
1958- July 20	W. Wayne Dobson
1958- July 20	Carrie Gregory
1958- July 20	Ronald Lee
1958- July 20	Janet Martin Parks
1958- July 20	Larry Howard Tulbert
1958- July 20	Jesse Solon Tulbert
1958- July 20	Stephen Tulbert
1958- July 28	Wayne Thomasson
1959- July 6	Christine Merritt
1959- July 26	Levora Bruce
1960- July 17	Buddy Merritt
1960- Sept. 4	Mattie Lee Griffin
1961- July 23	Alvin Bell
1961- July 23	Dennis P. Bridges
1961- July 23	Ronald M. Cass
1961- July 23	Stephen Gary Cass
1961- July 23	Lisa F. Howard
1962- Feb. 7	Laura Nell Lloyd Myers
1963- Mar. 20	Martha Campbell
1963- July 20	Barry Clay Myers
1963- July 21	Kyle Bell
1963- July 21	Jo Ann Howard
1963- July 21	Louise Tulbert Shelton
1963- July 21	Eugene R. Shuffler
1963- July 21	Carroll J. Sloan
1963- July 21	Danny Deleon Tulbert
1963- July 28	Judy Mauldin
1964- July 19	Ronald C. Howard
1964- July 19	Tony Myers



1964- July 19	Mike (Michael) Lynn Trivette
1964- July 19	Rex Dewitt Trivette
1964- July 19	William (Bill) Gurney Trivette
1964- July 19	Emory Paul Windsor Jr.
1964- July 19	Lucille Henderson Windsor
1965- May 9	Milton Scott
1965- May 9	Peggy Scott
1965- July 18	Noel Cass
1965- Aug.	Barbara S. Elledge
1968- Aug. 11	Ricky Lane Tulbert
1969- July 20	Regina Bridges Dawson
1970- July	Christopher Sloan
1971- Jan. 10	Roger Lee Gibson
1971- July 11	Jennifer Thompson Trivette
1971- July 11	Carol Gregory Tulbert
1971- July 25	Jimmy Howard
1971- July 25	Linda Sprinkle
1971- Oct. 6	Sallie Gibson
1972- Mar. 11	Trudy Pitts Howard
1972- July	E.R. Crater Jr.
1972- July	Edna A. Crater
* 1972	Pam Crater Long
1974- July 28	Emery Jordan
1974- July 28	Anita Jordan Blevins
1974- July 28	Craig Jordan
1974- July 28	Edward Jordan
1974- July 28	Scott Jordan
1974- July 28	Tim Jordan
1974- July 28	James Edward Sprinkle
1976- Feb. 7	Wanda Hyatt Hangan
1976- Feb. 7	Martin Hyatt
1976- Feb. 7	Ricky Hyatt
1978- Sept. 13	Nona Hoots
1978- Sept. 13	Karen Hoots
1979	Eric D. Sloan
1977- Aug. 20	Betsy Campbell Long
1980- Apr.27	Shirley J. Feimster
1980- Apr. 27	Marilyn Feimster White
1980- July 20	Ken P. Bridges
1980- July 20	Jonathan Campbell



1980- July 20	Judy F. Howard
1980- July 20	Andrea Bridges Marlowe
1980- July 20	Michael Williams
1980- Sept.	Lois Jenkins
1981- July 19	Martha Ann Templeton Campbell
1981- July 19	Amy Tulbert Walker
1982- June 6	Amber Rae Tulbert
1982- Sep. 12	Michael Crews
1982- Oct. 3	Mary Jane M. Myers
1983- Mar.	Kay Johnson Trivette
1983- July 31	Jerry Lynn Henderson
1983- July 31	Kathy Johnson Henderson
1984- Sept. 22	Timothy Owen Thomas
1986- July 23	David B. Long
1987- Aug. 23	Matthew Bridges
1987- Aug. 23	Bradley Campbell
1987- Aug. 23	Brian Howard
1987- Aug. 23	Travis A. Howard
1987- Aug. 23	Ethan Clay Myers
1990- Nov. 4	Carol Jeannette W. Spurlock
1990- Nov. 4	Douglas K. Spurlock
1991- May 19	Adam Benjamin Myers
1991- May 19	Joshua Dent Myers
1991- Aug. 16	Billy Feimster
1992- Aug. 1	Kirk William Walker
1992- Nov. 22	Doris Chuter
1992- Nov. 22	Megan Myers
1993- Feb. 21	Justin Lee Bridges
1993- Feb. 21	Crystal Campbell
1993- Nov. 14	Kyle A. Howard
1994- April 24	Ben Roy Hardy
1996- July 16	Michelle Flood Bridges
1996- July 16	Kyzer David Wilfong
1996- July 16	Joshua Enoch Wilfong
1997- Nov. 9	Robert Haywood
1997- Dec.	Emily Shaw
1998- Jan.	Richard Sherrill
1998- Jan.	Elaine Sherrill
1998- Mar. 22	Rob Sexton
1998- Mar. 22	Lisa Sexton



1998- Dec. 13	Jarrold White
1999- June 6	Tracy Spencer
1999- June 6	Patricia Spencer
1999- June 20	Justin Spencer
1999- June 27	Zachary Spencer
1999- July 4	Mike White
1999- Aug. 29	Harold Brown
1999- Aug. 29	Ann Brown
2000- Mar. 26	Robert Williams
2000- Mar. 26	Frances Williams
2000- June 24	Will Mullis
2000- July 2	Jonathan Yarboro
2000- July 16	Ivy Serbic
2000- Aug. 28	Jill Thomasson Pierce
2000- Aug. 28	Scott Pierce
2000- Oct. 1	Stephen I. Walker
2001- June 17	Cindy Hardy Milan
2001- June 17	Craig Milan





# Precious Memories

J. B. F. W. and LONNIE B. COMBS

J. B. F. WRIGHT

1. Pre-cious mem'ries, un - seen an-gels, Sent from some-where to my soul;  
2. Pre-cious fa - ther, lov - ing moth-er, Fly a - cross the lone-ly years;  
3. As I trav - el on life's path-way, Know not what the years may hold;

*Fine*  
How they lin-ger, ev - er near me, And the sa-cred past un - fold.  
And old home scenes of my child-hood, In fond mem-o - ry ap - pear.  
As I pon-der, hope grows fond-er, Pre - cious mem'ries flood my soul.

*D.S.*—In the still-ness of the mid-night, Pre - cious, sa-cred scenes un - fold.

CHORUS *D.S.*  
Pre - cious mem'ries, how they lin-ger, How they ev-er flood my soul;



## VIII. PERSONAL MEMORIES

Everyone was ask to write out their personal memories of Zion Baptist Church. Following are the few that came in. I would hope that we could put out an appendix next year for **ALL** of those who did not get a story in. Please take the time to write down some thoughts and share with everyone what Zion means to you and your family.

### **Paul Hemric**

Paul was the first person to respond to the call asking for personal memories. At the Homecoming of 1999 Paul ask to speak for a moment. He related that when he was a child he and his father sat out for church one cold snowy morning. They were going early to build the fires in the stove so it would be warm for others as they came. Paul questioned why they would be going to church since no one would be there because of the bad weather. Mr. Hemric in his wisdom answered back that they would be there and God would be there.

### **Louise Tulbert Shelton**

My very first memory of Zion Baptist Church is being in Miss Lucy Park's Sunday School class. I remember the very small chairs we sat in and the pictures on the wall. Miss Lucy would always have a treat for us to enjoy after we had our lesson. I remember her teaching us about the various stories in the Bible. There was always a picture on the wall that depicted the story in the Sunday School lesson.

Another time that I have very fond memories of occurred during my preteen years. Miss Nina Hemric was the teacher. The class she taught was GA's (Girls Auxiliary a mission organization for girls). There were several young girls who attended these classes. Some of them were Ava Thomasson, Lavora Jurney, Corine Cass, and Roxanne Mann. We met about once or twice a month. Miss Nina was a very loving and patient teacher. I will never forget the wonderful meals she prepared for us. We especially looked forward to enjoying her cooking. It was also a time when us girls could chat, giggle and get to know each other. Thanks for giving me the opportunity to reminisce.

### **Doris Chuter**

After many years of living in south Florida my daughter and her husband relocated to Harmony North Carolina where they worked for a friend who could no longer take care of his chicken farm due to health problems. Bill and I decided to move to Union Grove to be close to our only



daughter, at which time we fell in love with the quiet country atmosphere.

Not knowing at the time of the move, our next door neighbor was the pastor for Zion Baptist Church. We made his acquaintance over the fence during conversation. As soon as we got to know each other he invited us to Sunday Services, everyone made us most welcome. Shortly thereafter, he moved on and was replaced by Doug Spurlock.

Doug and Carol turned out to be great neighbors and friends. We looked after each others houses and mail when one of the other was out of town. Bill and Doug spent many a happy hour in the afternoons talking about England and traveling.

We continued to attend the services and made friends with so many lovely people. An instant friendship started between Gwennie Howard and myself, we enjoyed going to lunches together and then shopping, leaving the husband's to visit on the bench outside Belk's.

Then Doug and Carol had to move to South Boston, to help care for their two mother's. It was sad watching the church member's load up their belongings. We felt sure he couldn't be replaced, as everyone was so comfortable with his style and the way he read the scriptures. It was a long time before Dennis Shaw and his family took over the church.

We welcomed them into our home as neighbors, they were pleased to learn we attended their church. Emily would stop over after school and stay until her folks came home, she especially enjoyed the English cookies. In fact many of our friends would stop over for hot tea and some of Bill's stories.

We made so many wonderful friends, all the folks we met through joining Zion Baptist. The years we attended church and lived in Union Grove will always be looked upon with happiness. Although we miss seeing everyone, they are always very close to the heart.

## **Nona Hoots**

When we moved to this community in 1978, Waldo had not been going to church for some time. Rev. Grady Trivette was the Pastor. Rev. Fred Troutman came to preach in a Revival Service. One night Waldo went forward and recommitted his life to the Lord.. That is one of my fondest memories of Zion Baptist Church.

The **Older Preschool Class** was ask why they like to come to church at Zion?



They answered ; **Joseph Walker** “Because we learn about God”, **Rachel Walker**, “ We play and sing and have a good time”. **Steve Walker**, “ I get to sing; I see my mamaw and grandpa; getting all the ladybugs on you; learn about Jesus; when I was Baptized, I was glad my Aunt Betty could come; I like V B S; At Easter I usually find all the eggs no one else has; I like eating candy after the children’s sermon; I thanked Jesus for washing my sins away when I got baptized.” **Chantay Kinder**, “ I have friends at church, I have fun reading the Sunday School lesson, I like playing games at V B S, I like to go to church”.

### **Kirk Walker**

My first memories can remember from Zion was the warm welcome, I would get from the many people here at Zion. Friendly smiles and greetings set a lasting impression of my first visit to Zion. I remember the church was trying to find a preacher, church members came to the altar to pray for guidance. This large gathering of church members praying together for the good of the church was very interesting. It was not common for so many people to care so much about one thing. After the service the church had a lunch in the Fellowship Hall. After several plates of food, I realized that I had found a home. It could be summarized that my first memories of Zion were the fellowship, which was enjoyed by the members of this church.

### **Judy Howard**

I enjoy teaching the Younger Children in these formidable years. It has been very rewarding to see that some of the seeds planted in Sunday School get rooted. Watching a child take root on their own and commit to Christ is the heart of what Sunday School is about.

There is a kinship at Zion, a life that goes beyond the church in to our individual lives. We share our sorrows, we share our trades and our knowledge and Christian responsibility to be there for those in times of need in the community.

One of the funniest memories was when Kyle was three and was the ring bearer in Amy and Kirk’s wedding. He played so much with the attendants bows and after tiring of this he simply did what Kyle did so well- he laid down, right in the middle of the ceremony.

Easter mornings are always so special at Sunrise Service. Seems like God always knows when to send the Geese to fly over the sunrise. One particular Sunrise Service, Joey Tomlin preached at Union Grove Methodist





Church- during his closing prayer roosters started crowing and I about burst inside with laughter. I often wondered how he kept from laughing himself.

An unusual memory most these days would ever see- when Paul Swanson brought his 3 legged dog to church and tied it to the rails.

Hattie Trivette's hats are a memory, I miss, I miss the choir from my first days at Zion when Ronnie and I first started dating, It reminded me so much of my grandmothers church when I was growing up.

### **Leon and Beatrice Thomasson**

On March 7, 2001, we had our Wednesday night Prayer Meeting at Leon and Bea's. Following are some comments that were shared at that meeting. These few sentences are paraphrased in Leon's words.

We had an R A group in the late 1950's early 1960's.

"I remember when the church would be full and chairs would be set in the aisles especially on Sunday's when Communion would be served." He also remembered when Lonnie Johnson rang the bell. Ed Tulbert would keep some of the younger generation in line during the worship service by thumping them on the head. When having dinner on the grounds, you would put newspaper on a tobacco stick and fan the food to keep the flies off. When it was real cold someone would have to be at church early on Sunday morning to build a fire in the pot bellied stoves to heat the church.

Other comments made were:

The pews in the Amen corner were for Deacons, there was often homemade bread for communion, the Hemric family would sometimes sing.

### **Lucille Windsor**

Paul and I were married January 24, 1948 and we began attending church at Zion. Preaching services were held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. Rev. Grady White was the Pastor, Coetta Trivette was the Sunday School Superintendent and Frank Hemrick was the Choir Director. The attendance was around 150. The church was heated with wood stoves, one on each side of the church at the front. Dorcus Thomasson and Pearl Cooper played the piano. Some of the choir members were Hattie Trivette, Nina Hemrick, Grace Hemrick, Pearl Cooper, Connie Reid, Mae Wallace, Olene Trivette, Theodore Wallace, Clay Myers, Royal Reid, Clyde Tulbert, Albert Cooper, and H. C. Myers,

Revival services began the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in August. Services were held each afternoon and night. That week was always set aside to attend services and visitation with friends. Some of the visiting minister were Rev. Clarence Gwaltney, Rev. Charlie Holland, Rev. R. E. Adams, Rev. William (Bill)



Adams (R.E.'s son). We would have dinner on the grounds the first Sunday of Revival under the oak trees with the long table made of wire, with a bountiful amount of food.

In those days women wore hats and gloves to church. Children sat with their parents. The men usually sat on the left side of the church. Women usually sat on the right side with couples, women and children in the middle section and on the left side of the church.

### **Evie Hemrick Jones**

In March or April Lucille Windsor and I went to see Evie Hemrick at the assisted living home she resides at in High Point. One of the new facts I had never heard before was that when she was baptized, it was in Hunting Creek near Pinkney Trivette's home.

She also told of coming back home for homecoming. They would come to Nina's house and that most of Saturday before was spent cooking and preparing for the big day. Nina usually made a coconut cake in addition to the other food and preparation.

### **Levora Journey Bruce**

On a Sunday many years ago, my cousin Rondal and I were at Grandma Journey's house preparing to go to church. There were a couple of other young cousins there but I can't remember which ones on that particular Sunday. We were young, perhaps three or four years old at best. All the adults were busy getting ready to go to church also. We wanted some coins to place in the collection plate at Sunday School. We took matters into our own hands. Grandma Journey having lived through the depression era was a very frugal person. She saved many things, among the many things she saved were buttons. She had quiet a button collection- several canisters of buttons. My cousins and I looked through Grandma Journey's button collection and selected some of her buttons to take to church with us.

We planned to toss them in the collection plate. I can only imagine in our young minds, we must have thought the buttons to be valuable. Anyway,, we attended Sunday School and placed our carefully selected buttons in the collection plate.

After church Miss Lucy Parks, who was our Sunday School teacher at the time, stopped by Grandma Journey's house and returned the buttons. She told Grandma she didn't think Zion Baptist Church would need her buttons. Grandma Journey and Miss Lucy must have been very amused by our unusual attempt to give to the church. As for my cousins and I, we had good



intentions. I hope God forgives little children for taking Grandma's buttons without permission.

Another memory is when I was a teenager, Gene Burriss was pastor at Zion. Not long after he came to our church he married Betty. Apparently Betty liked to get comfortable during the sermon for she would often slide her shoes off under the pew.

It did not take our teen group long to discover she took her shoes off during the service. Well, one Sunday one of the clever teens in our group decided to play a prank on Betty. They sat behind her and when she slid her shoes off, they took their feet and moved her shoes from beneath her pew. After the service, Betty started to put her shoes back on. Needless to say, she couldn't find her shoes. She was slightly embarrassed, and we conspirators all had a good laugh at her expense.

## **Jim and Barbara Hall**

The day we had the open house at the parsonage, Kent had picked up a six pack of beer cans in the front yard that morning. Jim had told him to throw them away, but instead, without telling his dad, he put them in the storage closet on the carport. During the course of the afternoon, one of the men of the church came to Jim and asks him to step outside to the carport. He opened the closet, showed him the beer cans and ask an explanation. Jim knew immediately what had happened, so he called Kent. Kent's explanation was that when they went fishing, they could each have enough cans for everyone to have their own can of worms. Jim just closed the door, feeling the explanation was sufficient. He has enjoyed telling that through the years.

Another memory that stands out in our minds is Lucy and Cordie Parks helping their sister Pearl with all the children and babies she kept, and always being in church no matter how many there were. The children were always well behaved. Lucy and Cordie kept Lisa Rose for me when I worked as a teacher's aide at the school. A. G. and Hazel Allen treated our children like they were their grandchildren and we appreciated that so much. Lucille Windsor and the Thomassons have kept in touch after we left and that was much appreciated also. I remember Leon's mother taught me a lot about flowers and plants. I'll never forget her breaking off a plant she wanted to root, spitting on the stem, wrapping it in a tissue and putting it in her pocket. Jim and the boys loved to fish in a little pond near the parsonage.



## **Joanna Brown Greene and Linda Brown**

We, Joanna Brown Greene and Linda Paulette Brown, daughters of Paul Davis Brown and Mabel Elizabeth Cooper Brown, have many memories of Zion Baptist Church.

We have listed recollections that we thought would be of interest to others. Some are our own and some were passed down to us from our parents. Our grandmother, Julie Ann Myers Cooper Chaffin, was the only child of Jeremiah Myers and Elizabeth Trivette Myers. She joined Zion Missionary Baptist Church at the age of fifteen on April 15, 1894. We remember that our grandmother had a special reverence for the church. Her countenance when she walked into the sanctuary let us know that Zion was a very sacred place.

Our mother told us that in the early 1930's each family spread their tablecloth on the ground and ate their own food when Zion had "dinner on the grounds." Our grandmother noticed that Paul Brown and his brother Wilson did not have anyone to eat with so she invited them to join her family. Our parents became acquainted at this and other social events. They were married on April 15, 1933.

Many families planted shrubbery around family graves. Our uncle, Wilson Brown, used a crank from an A-model to dig holes to plant azaleas around the Brown family graves.

Revival meeting times changed according to the harvesting of crops. For many years, there was an afternoon service and an evening service.

Several young men from Zion were drafted into military service during World War II. Some lost their lives in the service of their country.

It was a custom in the sanctuary for men to sit in the pews on the left side of the church. Women sat in the pews on the right. Couples who wanted to sit together sat in the middle. Many families had a special place they sat each Sunday.

When there was a death in the community, the church bell was rung to let everyone know the hour the funeral would be held. This was a very effective means of communication since everyone listened very careful when the bell was rung.

Baptisms were not always held in the church. Joanna was baptized in a pond behind Charlie Park's house. Linda was baptized in a creek on Gaston Myer's land below the Cooper bridge. We remember that the song "Shall We Gather at the River" was always sung at baptisms.

In the 1950's, our father decided that our pastor, Reverend Grady White, needed a new car for Christmas. He asked all of Preacher White's five





churches to donate money for a new Chevrolet. Our father was so proud to give him a new car as an expression of appreciation from all of the churches he pastored.

On October 27, 1963, Linda and her father were presented a resolution from the church for service to the church. Linda was privileged to serve as organist for three years.

We hope that our memories have given you some idea of the importance that the fellowship of Zion Baptist Church has played in the lives of our family.



# Blest Be the Tie

1. Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris-tian love;  
2. Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our ar - dent pray'rs;  
3. We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual bur - dens bear;  
4. When we a - sun - der part, It gives us in - ward pain;

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

The fel - low - ship of kin-dred minds Is like to that a - bove.  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our comforts and our cares.  
And of - ten for each oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
But we shall still be joined in heart, And hope to meet a - gain. A - MEN.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and bass line from the first system. It concludes with a double bar line and repeat signs. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

Words, John Fawcett, 1782. Tune DENNIS, Johann G. Nægeli; arranged, Lowell Mason, 1845.



## IX. PICTORIAL HISTORY SECTION

### Pictures and Stories for Zion Baptist Church

- 1) Willie Mae Tulbert (member longest)
- 2) Anna Myers Robbins (oldest member)
- 3) Annie Dickerson Trivette
- 4) Rev. William Green Brown - was pastor from 1876-1879
- 5) Rev. William A. Myers -was pastor from 1879-1889
- 6) Rev. J. P. Gwaltney - was pastor of Zion twice first from 1889-1896 and from 1899-1901
- 7) Rev. V. M. Swain - was pastor from 1892- 1896
- 8) Rev. E. N. Gwyn - was pastor from 1896-1899
- 9) Rev. W. T. Comer - was pastor from 1902- 1905
- 10) Rev. W. E. Linney - was pastor from 1908-1911 the first time and from 1929-1937 the 2nd time.
- 11) Rev. T. E. Redmon - served as pastor from 1912-1918
- 12) Rev. & Mrs. J. N. Binkley & Rev. Olin T. Binkley - Rev. Joseph Binkley served the church as a supply pastor from 1918-1919. His son Rev. Olin T. Binkley spoke at the dedication of the Education Building in 1963.
- 13) Rev. R. N. Garner - served as pastor in 1919-1927
- 14) Rev. Grady and Mary White - Served as pastor from 1939-1961



- 15) Rev. Eugene Burriss & Gloria Jean C. Lawrence- Eugene served as pastor from 1961-1965. Shown here providing music was a wedding here at Zion.
- 16) H. C. Myers and Rev. R. E. Adams- Rev. Adams served as supply pastor in 1965-66. He also served as a revival speaker.
- 17) Rev. Carlton Mitchell and Mrs. Laura Myers- Rev. Mitchell served as supply pastor in 1966. He also spoke at the homecoming in 2000.
- 18) Rev. Jim and Barbara Hall- served as pastor from 1966- 1969.
- 19) Rev. Grady, Annie and Samuel Burgess- served as supply pastor in 1969. Grady and Annie were also members of Zion in their younger days.
- 20) Rev. Sidney Grimes- served as pastor from 1970- 1975.
- 21) Rev. Grady Trivette - served as pastor from 1977- 1980.
- 22) Rev. Joey, Teresa and Anna Beth Tomlin - Joey served as pastor from 1981- 1986.
- 23) Rev. and Mrs. Latt Beshears - served as supply pastor in 1986.
- 24) Rev. Stan Cabel- Served as pastor from 1986- 1989.
- 25) Rev. Charles & Ima Jones - served as supply pastor 2 times from 1989-1990 and from 1994-1995.
- 26) Rev. Doug and Carol Spurlock - served as pastor from 1990- 1994.
- 27) Rev. Dennis, Marcia and Emily Shaw - presently serving as pastor. The Shaws came to Zion on June 9, 1996.





28) Sunday School Class-  
 standing in back (left to right) 1) Faye Chaffin 2) John Howard 3) Ruby  
 Dean Myers 4) Lucille Myers 5) 6) DeEtte Proctor 7)  
 8) Lessie Campbell 9) 10) Gladys Holland 11)  
 12) Esther Campbell 13) 14) 15) Elizabeth  
 Cooper 16) Martha Campbell 17) 18) Dorothy Proctor  
 19) 20) 21) Stella Hohnson  
 22) 23) 24) Ruby Johnson  
 kneeling in front L-R are 25) 26) John A Myers  
 27)Coetta Trivette Seated 28) Paul Journey

29) Sunday School Class- made about July 1946  
 L-R front 1) \_\_\_\_\_ Boy, 2) \_\_\_\_\_ boy,  
 Middle 3) \_\_\_\_\_, 4) \_\_\_\_\_, 5)Francis Journey,  
 6) Randal Henderson, 7)Dorothy Jean Parks, 8) Claudette Howard, 9) Elaine  
 Campbell 10) Lynette Holland Back 11) James Mitchell, 12)Gerald  
 Henderson, 13) Bill Myers, 14) \_\_\_\_\_ 15) \_\_\_\_\_  
 16) teacher Pearl Cooper

30) Sunday School Class-  
 Front row \_\_\_\_\_, Cecil Snow Howard, Claudette Howard  
 Feimster. 2<sup>nd</sup> row Joanna Brown Green, Lynette Holland Murphy, Carrie  
 Dean Gregory, Dorothy Jean Parks, Coetta Trivette  
 Back L-R , \_\_\_\_\_ Clay Reid, \_\_\_\_\_, Jack  
 Myers, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, Bill  
 Myers.

31) W M U-

32) W M U – L-R Carol Tulbert, Martha Campbell, Lois Jenkins, Ann  
 Trivette, Cara Lee Bridges, Teresa Tomlin. This photo was made at the  
 home of Olene Trivette.

33) W M U- Eugenia Shuffler, Olene Trivette, Cynthia Cabel, Maaye  
 Wallace, Faye Chaffin, Lois Jenkins, Martha Campbell.

34) Baptist Men’s Day Jan. 27, 1991- 1<sup>st</sup> pew- Carroll Sloan, Alvin Jenkins,  
 Stephen Tulbert. 2<sup>nd</sup> pew- Matthew Bridges, \_\_\_\_\_ Hinson, Wayne  
 Campbell, Kyle Howard, Ronnie Howard. 3<sup>rd</sup> Pew- Doug Spurlock,  
 Theodore Wallace, Jonathan Campbell, Eric Sloan. 4<sup>th</sup> Pew- Leon



Thomasson, Ralph Howard, Mike Howard, Bill Feimster. Back pew- Lloyd McCann, Hubert Mauldin, Raymond Shuffler, John Howard.

35) Senior Citizens Day-

36) Camping At Caswell – kneeling- Lynn Howard, Dennis Bridges.  
Standing- Randal Journey, Stephen Tulbert, Pete Mann

37) Camp Caswell- Bobbing for apples, Pete Mann, \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_.

38) Camp Caswell- Roxan Mann (Daughtridge), \_\_\_\_\_,  
Louise Tulbert (Shelton).

39) Camp Caswell- Ricky Tulbert, Pete Mann, Roxan w/ apple, Patsy Hemric (Sparks)

40) Eugene Burris and Kenny Tulbert

41) Camp Caswell- Johnny Mann, Frances Mann,

42) Camp Caswell- Eugene Burris,

43) VBS - Thelma Parks, Linda Chaffin

44) VBS -

44-A) VBS- 1986 Releasing balloons at the end of VBS

45) Youth @ Pilot Mountain on a Sunday Afternoon get away.

L- R 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) Adam Myers,  
4) \_\_\_\_\_ 5) Ethan Myers, 6) Matthew Bridges

46) ca. 1900 Congregational Picture

47) ca. 1900 Congregational Picture

48) ca. 1915-1920- This picture is made before the maple trees were planted beside the church.



49)ca 1920- 1925

50) ca. 1940's

L-R 1) Paul Griffin, 2) Paul Brown 3) Hubert Chaffin 4) Ray Hemric  
5) Raymond Shuffler 6) Joe Cook 7) Hal Howard

51) Early 1960's This picture was made prior to the Education Building being built in 1963.

52) 1963 before excavation for Education Building

53) Beginning of construction 1963

54) Beginning of construction 1963- notice the cars in the back ground

55) no picture

56) Zion School ca. 1917 Zion School was and is still located today on Zion Liberty Road. Named for the 2 one room school houses. Albert Cooper and John Sharpe were the teachers.

57) Zion School ca 1918

58) Wesley Chapel Methodist Church – Wesley Chapel is mentioned in the Sunday School minutes at least once. Church and Sunday School were called off at Zion in order for everyone to go to Wesley Chapel for their protracted meeting.

59) Liberty School- Liberty School is also mentioned in the minutes as well. In the days of yesteryear revival and church services were held in many of the one-room schools. On at least one occasion church was called off at Zion in order for members to attend services being held at Liberty.

60) Campbell Mill (left) and Covered Bridge- This site is mentioned also. There were baptizing's held at the creek near Campbell Mill. Before the modern days, the mills were a place of work, as well as news.

61) Covered Bridge @ Campbell Mill- This was the last Covered Bridge in Iredell County to be torn down. which was in the late 1920's early 1930's. As of this writing many people still around remember riding across the



bridge. I wish you would write down some of those memories and put them in print. One time the Joe Steelman family was crossing the Bridge and Joe had to get off the wagon and put his coat over the horses head until they were across the bridge. He then took his coat off the horses head, got back on the wagon and proceeded on. The problem was that the spaces between the plank floor the horse could see the water and would not cross.

62) Buck Shoals Mill- Another one of the mills in the community. A place to get feed and flour ground as well as learn the neighborhood news.

63) Eagle Mill-

64) Eagle Mill Covered Bridge

65) George Campbell Saw Mill

66) Barnard's Mill

67) Corn Shucking- I have heard of corn shuckings all my life, but had never seen one until this picture. It was a way to get work done as well as to fellowship with each other. Most of these men are in the Campbell family.

68) Part of the destruction after Hurricane Hugo

69) Elaine Campbell (Templeton) being Baptized, JoAnna Brown (Green) waiting to be baptized. This picture was made at Charlie Parks Pond. The year was around 1943.

70) Baptizing @ Clyde Tulbert's Pond

71) Sallie Myers Allen

72) Tuttle and Sallie Allen

73) A. G. & Hazel Allen- served a Youth Training Union Teachers in the early 1960s, as well as being active in other phases of work

74) Johnny & Arky Mullis Campbell

75) Silas & Nannie Belle Campbell





76) Rev. E. R. and Pearl H. Crater

77) Geneva and Hubert Chaffin

78) Willie Mae Tulbert, Doris Chuter and Nancy Myers on Doris Chuter Day

79) Albert and Pearl Cooper- Albert served as a Deacon and Sunday School teacher for many years and Mrs. Pearl served as a Sunday School teacher for many years. They are also fondly remembered as having kept many, many foster children in their home for many years.

80) G. B. Hemric family

L-R Nina, Mamie, G. B. and Alice Sale Hemric

81) Nina, Mamie & Evie Hemric

82) Frank Hemric- choir director for many years at Zion. The Hemric Family are mentioned as singers and music leaders many times in the minutes.

83) Quince Tapley Holland and Betty Myers Holland Family- to read a very interesting autobiographical sketch about this family, see the Vol. II of the Iredell County Heritage Book. It brought me to tears the first time I read it.

84) Gary Hoots- Upon Gary's death, Marie started the perpetual Cemetery Fund. Because of this act our cemetery should be taken care of for many years to come.

85) Eugene Burris and Howard Boys

L-R Eugene, Ronnie, Lynn and Tommy

86) Clay Myers & Claud Howard- served for many years as deacons of Zion Baptist Church. At the time that Deacon rotation started they were honored with being declared Deacon Emeritus.

87) Turner Jennings Family

88) Clay & Laura Myers



89) H. C. and Nancy Myers

90) Gaston Myers Family

L-R Craig Levan, Dwight, Lucille, Gaston, John A., Atrie, William's wife \_\_\_\_\_, William, Braxton's wife \_\_\_\_\_, and Braxton.

91) Jeremiah and Elizabeth Trivette Myers with daughter Julia.

92) Julia Myers Cooper Chaffin

93) Julia Cooper family

L-R, Annie, Samuel, Grace, Earl, Lelia, JoAnn, Paul, Mabel, Linda, Julia, Donald, Mary, Ezra, Gloria Jean, Albert, Tommy, Pearl and Martha

94) Paul Brown Family

L-R Jo Anna, Linda, Mabel and Paul Brown

95) Carrie Elmore Mullis

96) Wash Mullis Birthday ca. 1918- has many members of Zion Church in the photo...including Silas Campbell, Georgia Sharpe Campbell, Della Trivette holding Annie (Mauldin), Ethel Mullis.

97) Elijah Sale Family

L-R Elijah, Emma Anna Lou and Majorie Sale

98) Elijah Sale- was very active in Zion Baptist Church. He gave land to Zion.

99) Clyde Tulbert Family- Clyde and Willie Mae recently gave more land to the church.

100) Tulbert Children

101) Clyde and his Mules

102) Ed Tulbert, Paul & Beulah Mae

103) Paul & Beulah Mae Tulbert



104) Beulah's Kids-

105) Mr. L. P. Somers- Mr. L. P. Somers did many jobs and task at Zion Baptist Church. He served as Deacon and as Sunday School Secretary. He donated the lumber to build the Education Building in 1963.

106) William & Amanda Trivette

107) Rezin & Barthenia Trivette

108) Hattie, Barthenia and Minnie Trivette

109) Pinkney Trivette Family 1906- Pinkney, Harvey, Della, Coetta

110) Pinkney Trivette Family early-mid 1930's

111) Pinkney Trivette Family 1940

112) Coetta Trivette

113) Hubert & Annie Mauldin

114) Johnny & Olene Trivette

115) Trivette Family

116) Burch Tutterow Family

117) Theodore & Maye Wallace

118) Raymond Wallace Family

119) Emory A. Windsor-

Emory A. Windsor was born September 20, 1891 and died December 23, 1930. At the age of eighteen he joined Zion Baptist Church, serving faithfully and well nine years as a Deacon and five years as clerk. We miss his presence in our meetings at Zion; there is a vacant place in his home, in the church, and in the community. He was a kind father, affectionate husband, and a good neighbor. His kindness and friendliness caused all who knew him to love him.(the preceding was written into the 1931 minutes of the 110 Annual Session of the Briar Creek Association Meeting.)



- 120) M/M Clyde Tulbert & Kate Thomasson
- 121) Homecoming 1980's
- 122) 1976 150Th Anniversary
- 123) Quilters- This quilt was made for a gift for Debbie Grimes as she went off to school. The quilting is being done in the Nina Class. Most of the ladies quilting are from the Windsor's Cross Roads Home Demonstration Club.
- 124) Olene Trivette & Eugenia Shuffler- this is a quilt that was made and then sold at one of our auctions and the proceeds was given to missions. Mike Trivette bought the quilt. It was later used on Olene Trivette's casket. The quilt is made from 30 blocks by families and individuals in Zion Church. Lee Howard was the only person who put more than her name and that was the date 1987, Thanks for doing that.
- 125) Lucille Windsor & Dorothy Bridges- another quilt that was made for raising money for a missions project.
- 126) First Crismon Tree-
- 127) Old Fashion Day 1970's
- 128) Old Fashion Day 1970's
- 129) Rev. J. C. Gwaltney- Rev. Gwaltney preached many Revival Meetings at Zion in the 40's and 50's.
- 130) Rev. & Mrs. T. L. Blalock
- 131) David Fields Family
- 132) David and Elwanda Fields







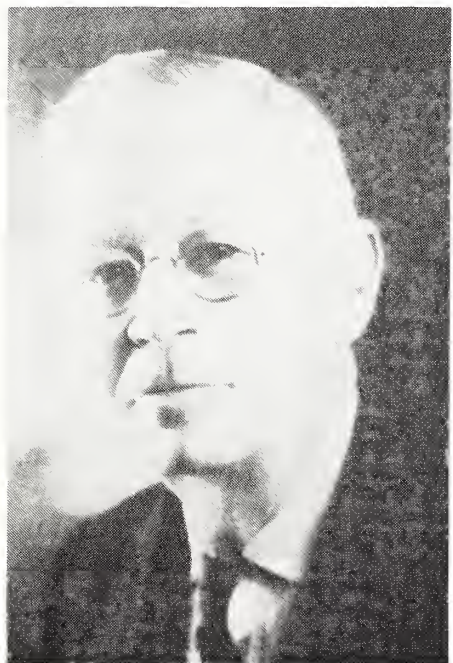
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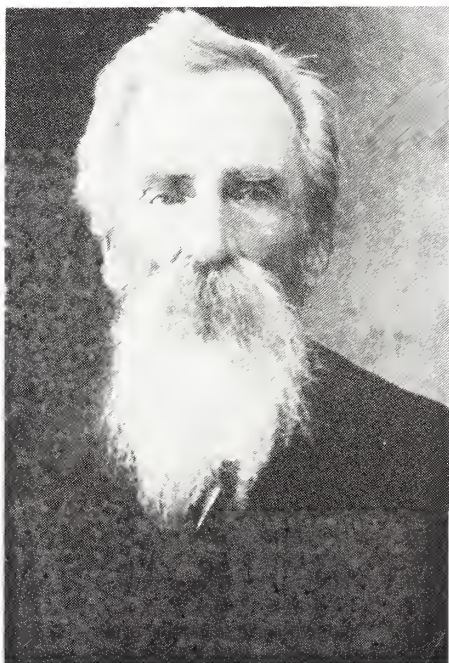
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14) Rev. Grady and Mary White



15) Rev. Eugene Burris



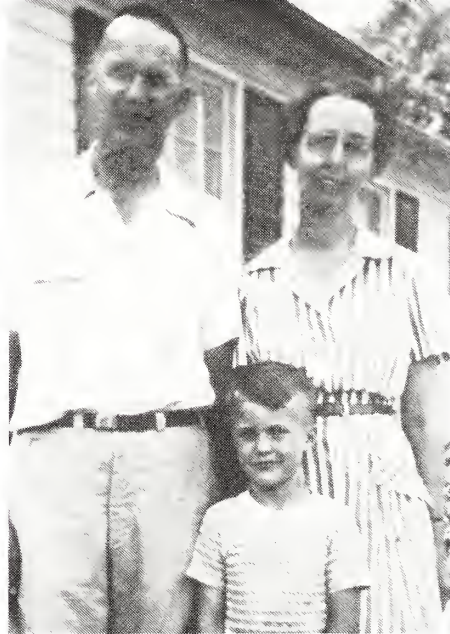
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21) Rev. Grady Trivette



22) Rev. Joey, Teresa and Anna Beth Tomlin



23) Rev. and Mrs. Latt Beshears



24) Rev. Stan Cabel



25) Rev. Charles & Ima Jones



26) Rev. Doug and Carol Spurlock



27) Rev. Dennis, Marcia and Emily Shaw



28) Sunday School Class



29) Sunday School Class



30) Sunday School Class



31) WMU



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34) Baptist Men's Day Jan. 27, 1991



35) Senior Citizens Day



36) Camping At Caswell



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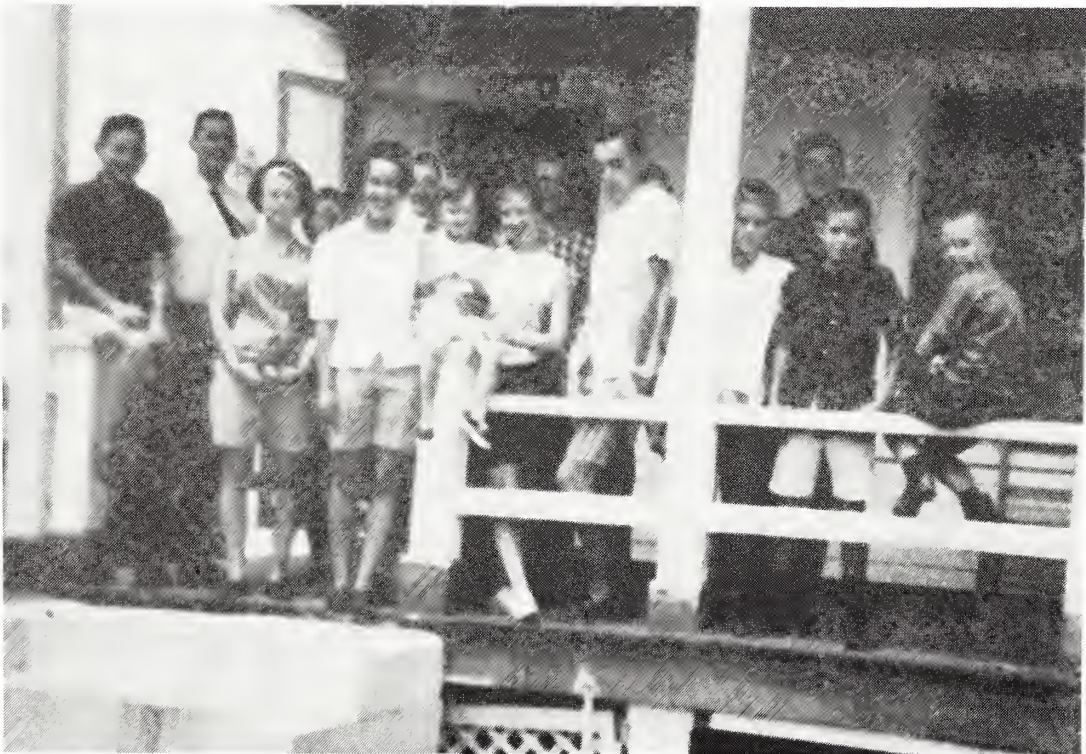
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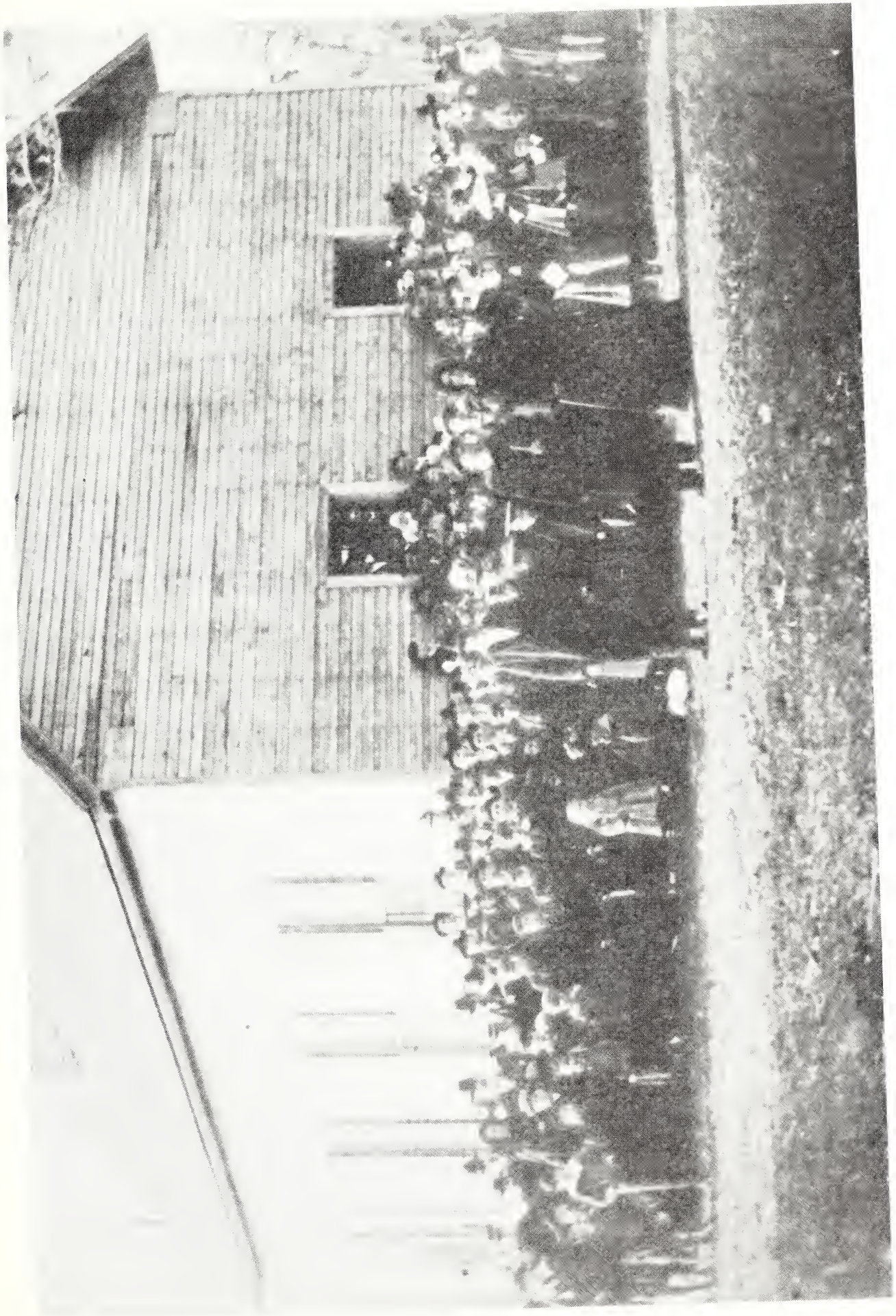
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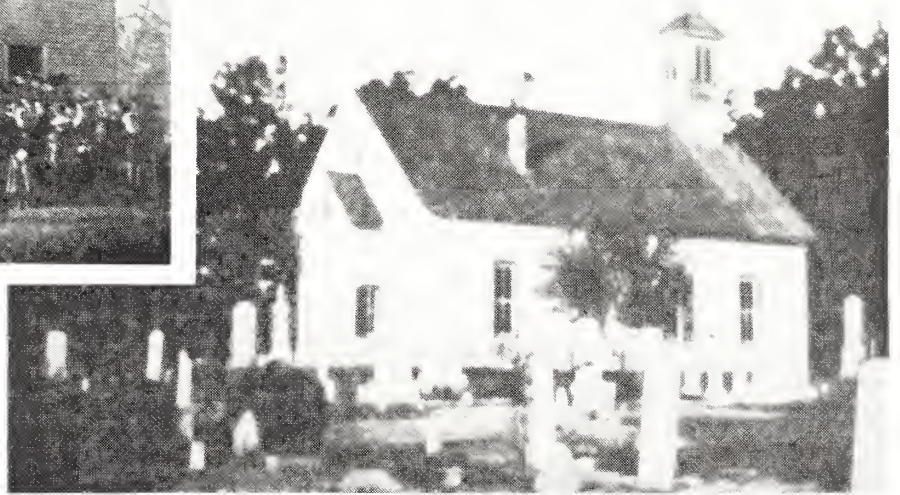




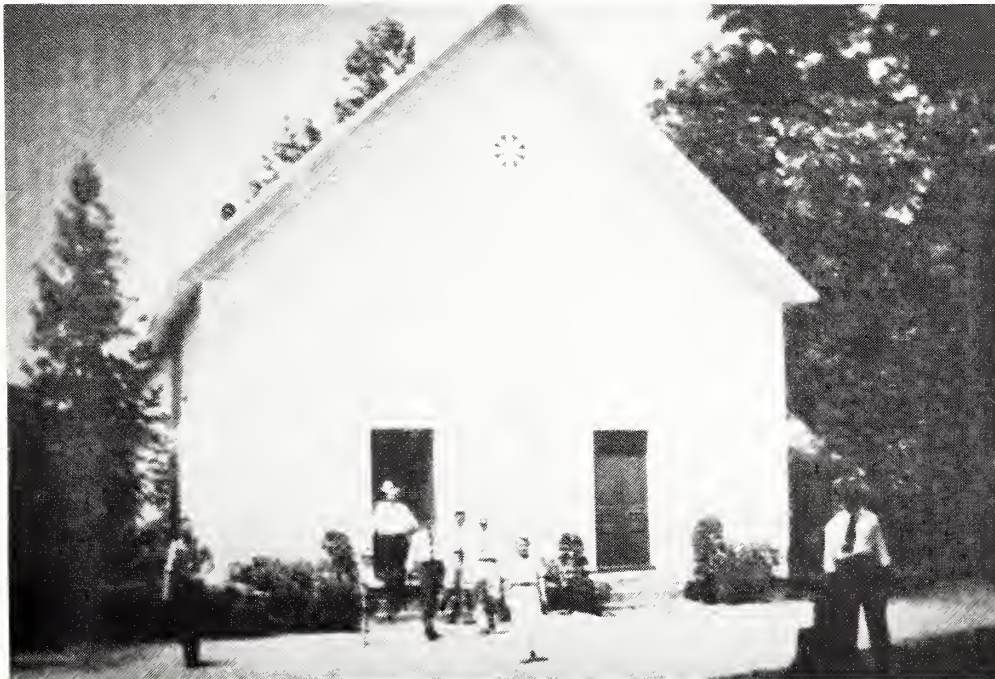
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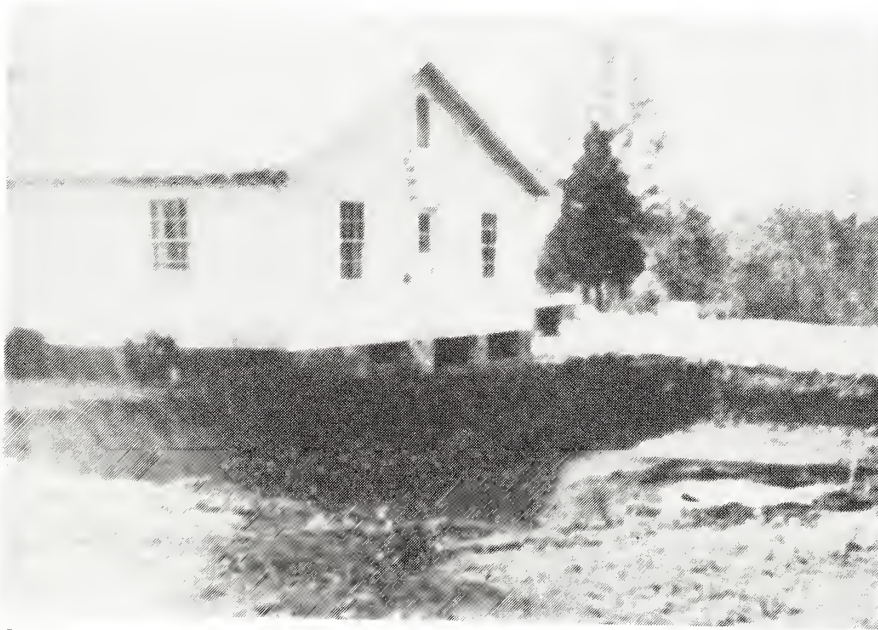
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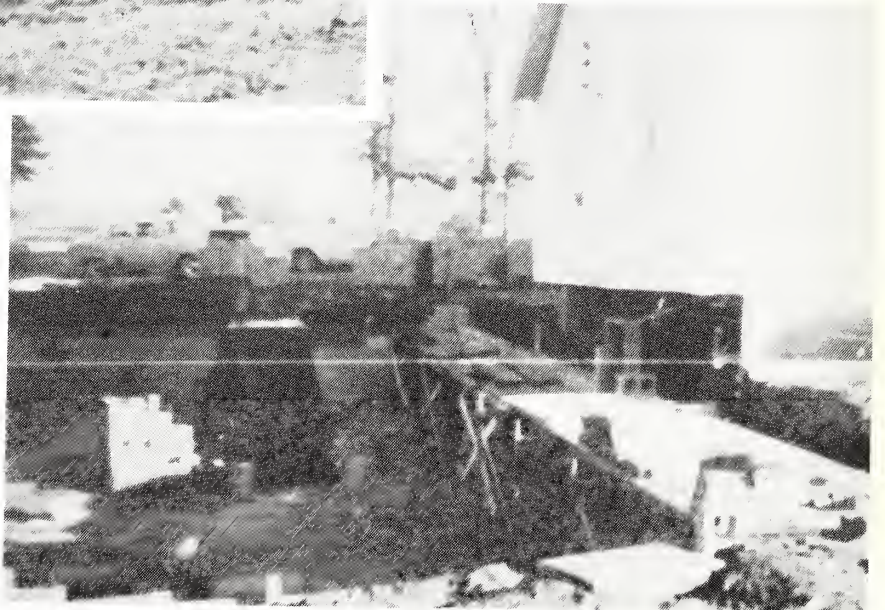
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56) Zion School ca. 1917



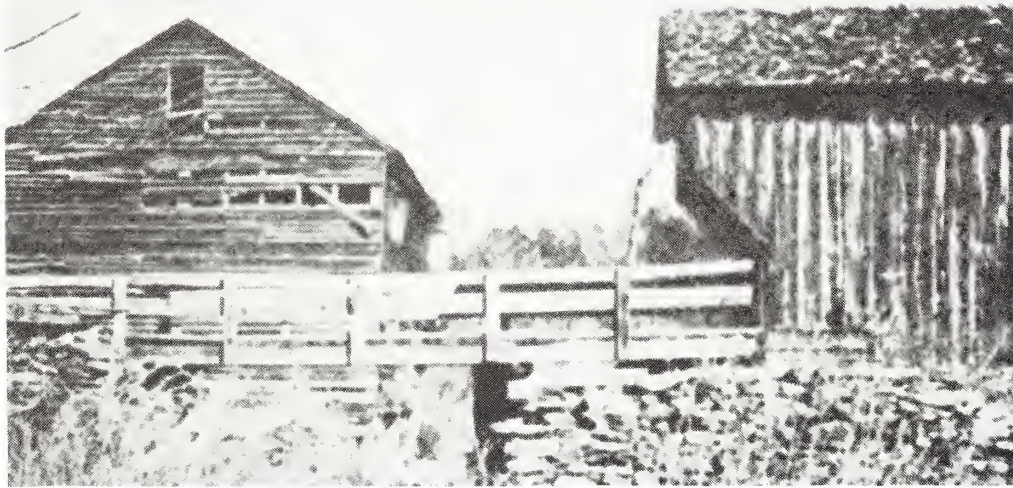
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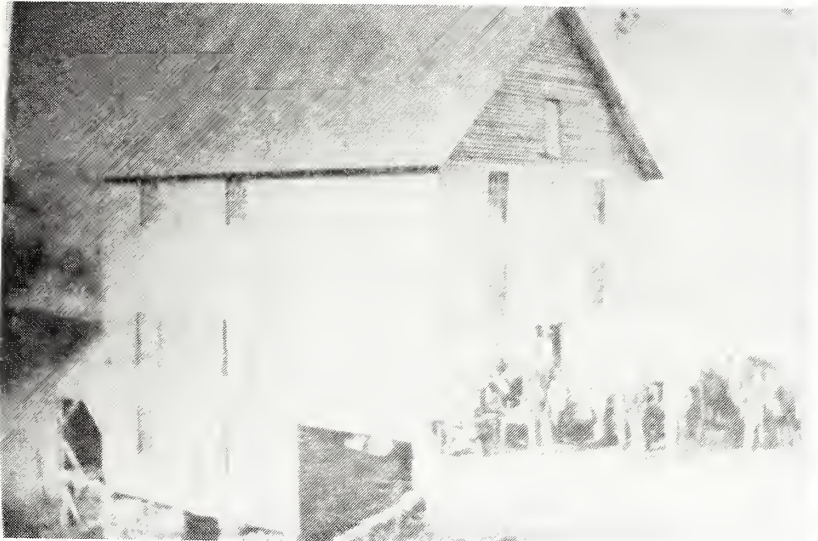


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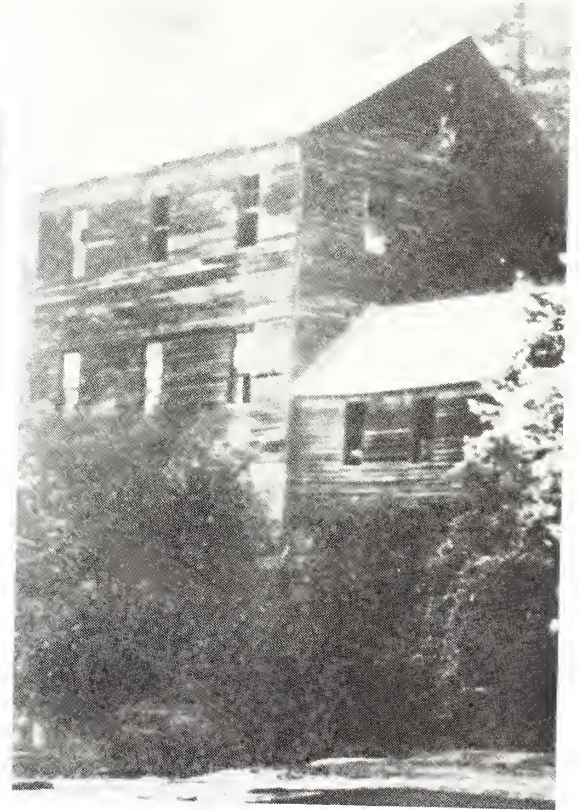


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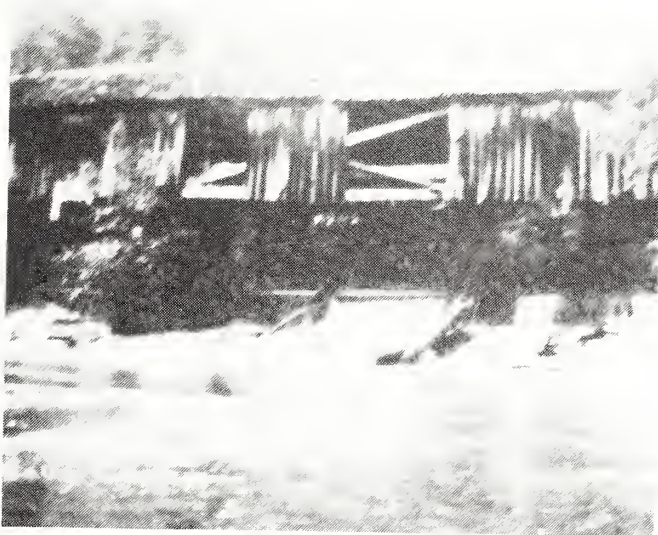




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68) After Hurricane Hugo



69) Elaine Campbell being Baptized  
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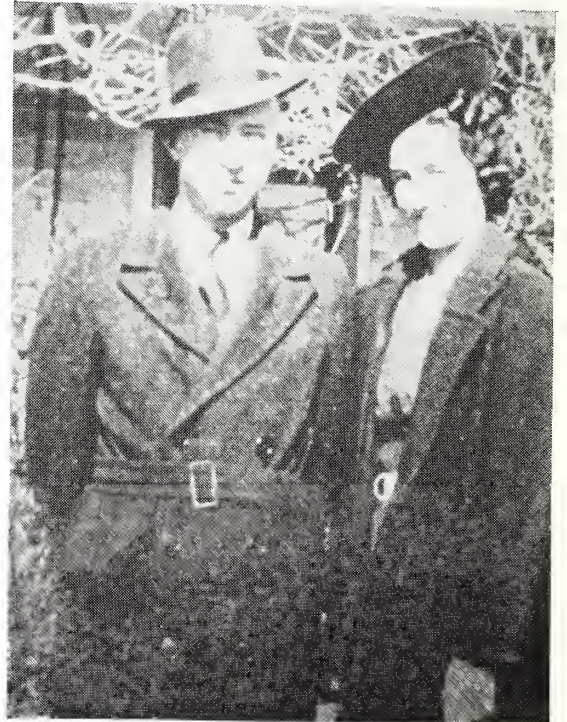
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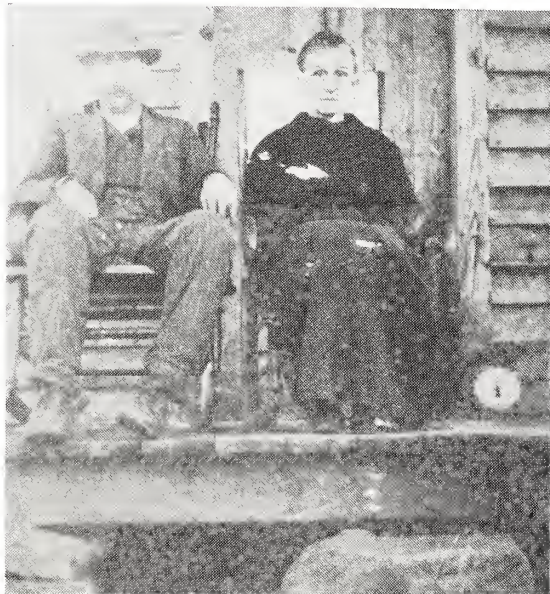
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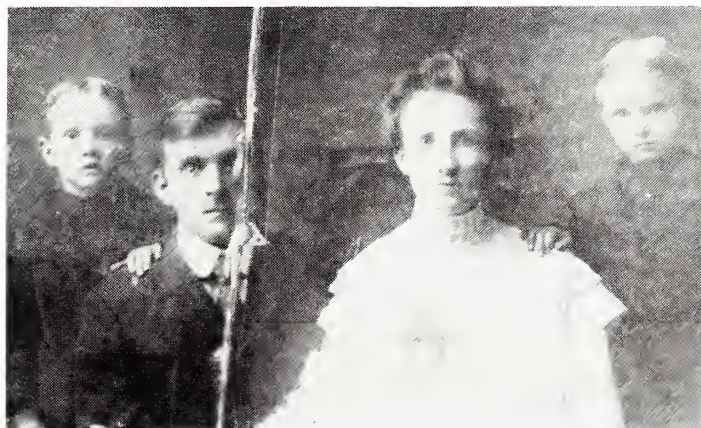
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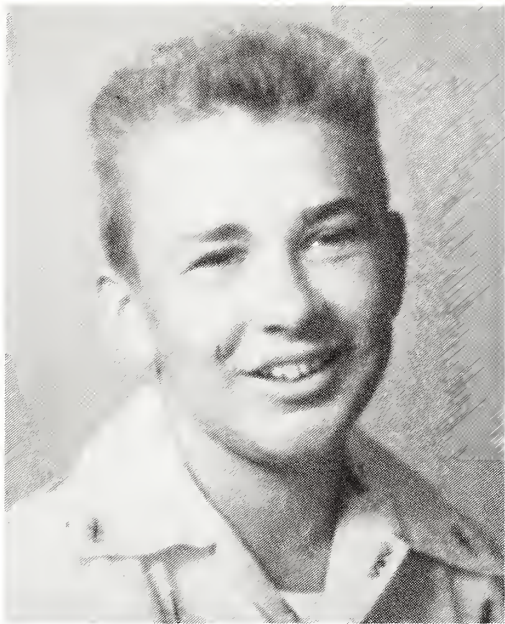
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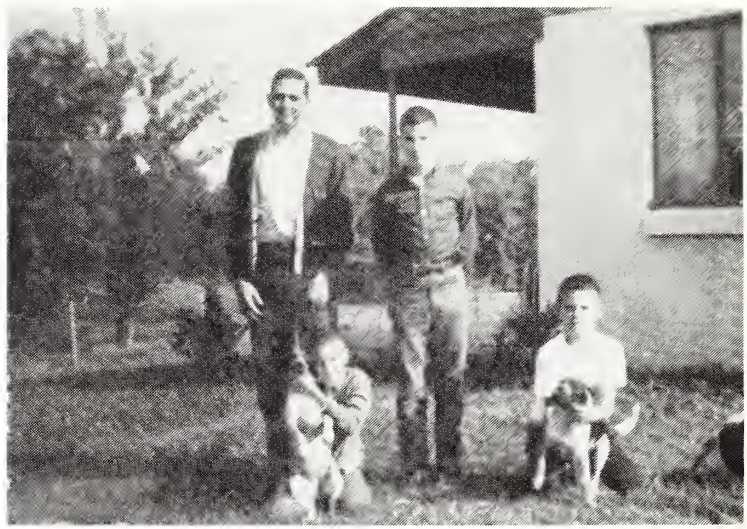
82) Frank Hemric- choir director



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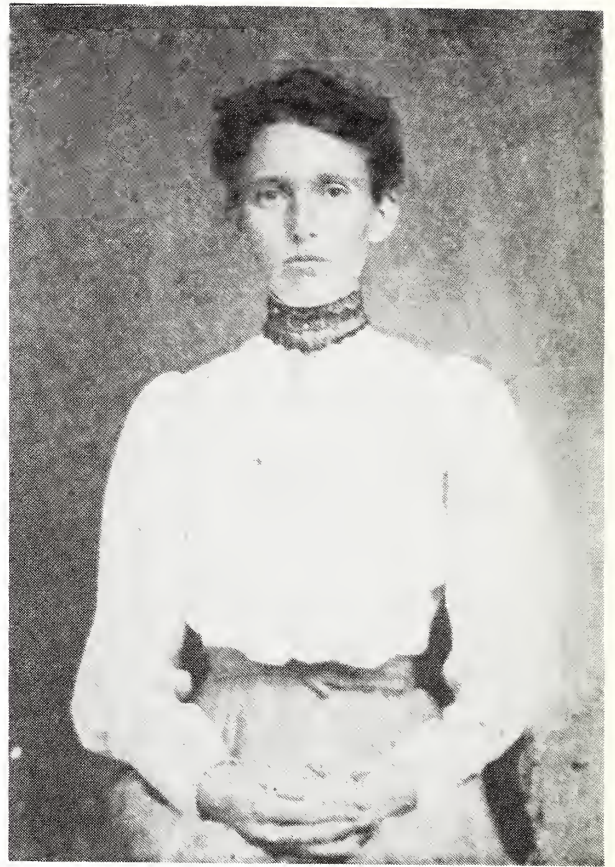
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96) Wash Mullis Birthday ca. 1918



97) Elijah Sale Family



98) Elijah Sale



99) Clyde Tulbert Family



100) Tulbert Children



101) Clyde and his Mules



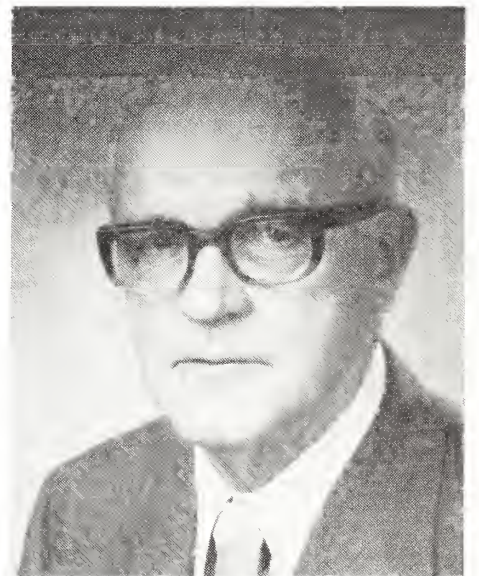
102) Mr. Ed Tulbert, Paul & Beulah Mae



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104) Beulah's Kids



105) Mr. L. P. Somers



106) William & Amanda Trivette



107) Rezin & Barthenia Trivette



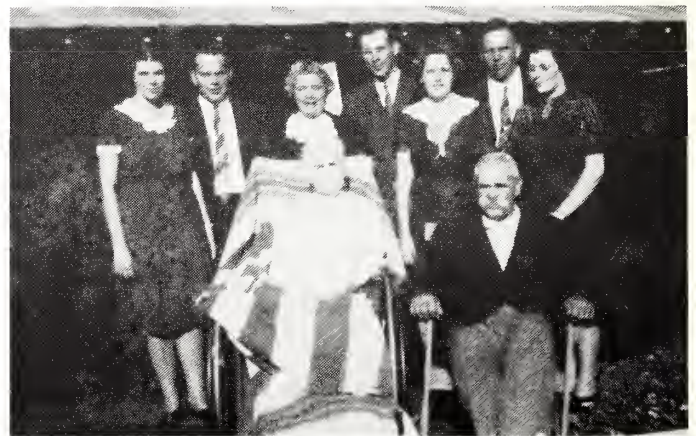
108) Hattie, Barthenia and Minnie Trivette



109) Pinkney Trivette Family 1906



110) Pinkney Trivette Family early-mid 1930's



111) Pinkney Trivette Family 1940





112) Coetta Trivette



113) Hubert & Annie Mauldin



114) Johnny & Olene Trivette



115) Trivette Family



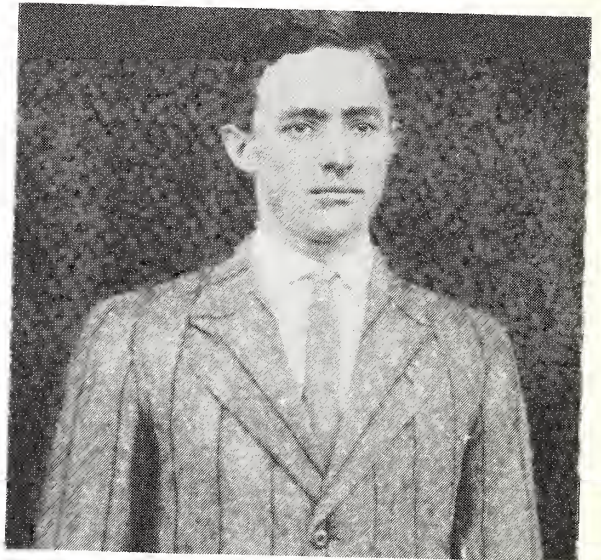
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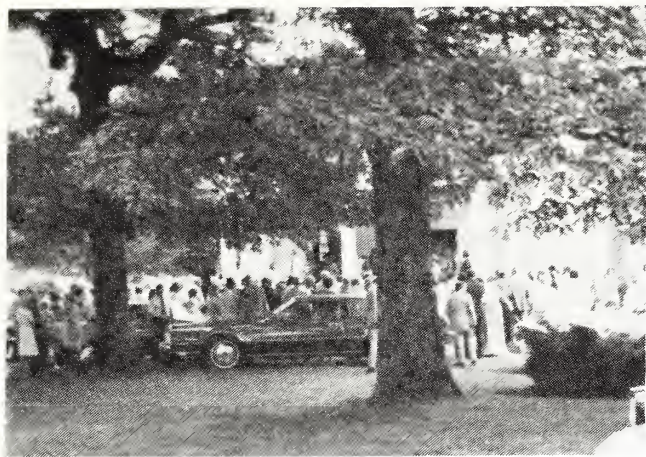
119) E. A. Windsor



120) M/M Clyde Tulbert & Kate Thomasson



121) Homecoming 1980's



122) 1976 150th Anniversary



123) Quilters



124) Olene Trivette & Eugenia Shuffler



125) Lucille Windsor & Dorothy Bridges



126) First Crismon Tree



127) Old Fashion Day 1970's



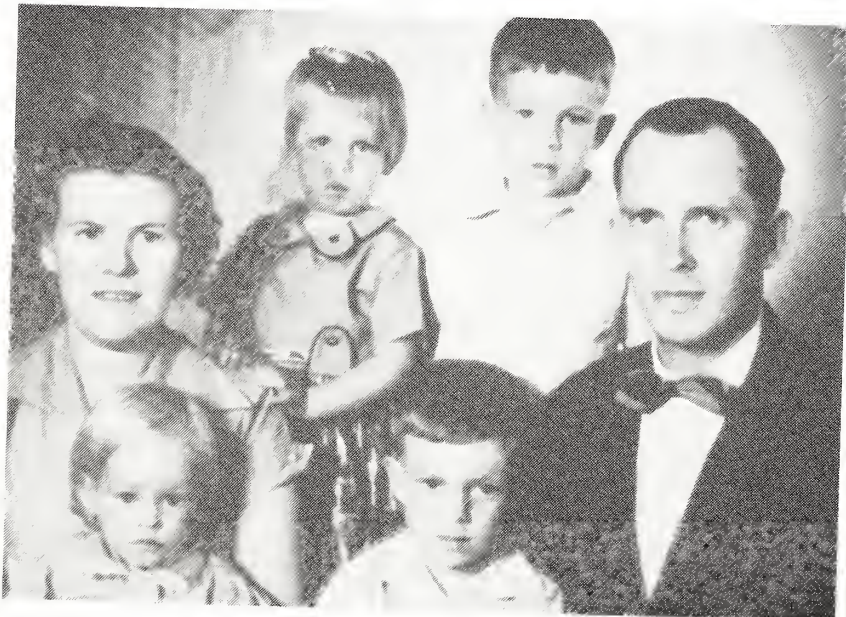
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129) Rev. J. C. Gwaltney



130) Rev. & Mrs. T. L. Blalock



131) David Fields Family



132) David and Elwanda Fields

# Let Others See Jesus in You

B. B. McK.

B. B. McKINNEY



1. While pass-ing thro' this world of sin, And oth-ers your life shall view,
2. Your life's a book be-fore their eyes, They're reading it thro' and thro';
3. What joy 'twill be at set of sun, In man-sions be-yond the blue,
4. Then live for Christ both day and night, Be faith-ful, be brave and true,



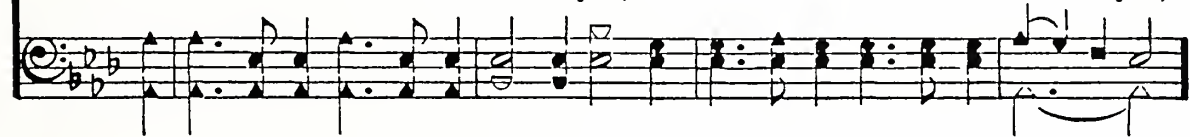
Be clean and pure with-out, with-in, Let oth-ers see Je-sus in you.  
Say, does it point them to the skies, Do oth-ers see Je-sus in you?  
To find some souls that you have won; Let oth-ers see Je-sus in you.  
And lead the lost to life and light; Let oth-ers see Je-sus in you.



## CHORUS



Let oth-ers see Je-sus in you, . . . Let oth-ers see Je-sus in you; . . .  
in you, in you;



Keep tell-ing the sto-ry, be faithful and true, Let oth-ers see Je-sus in you.





## X. MISCELLANEOUS

**A. Zion School-** From approximately 1905- 1925 there was a Zion School. In the Pictorial History section there are 2 pictures of the students and teachers made around 1917-1918. Work and research is still being done on the one-room schools of northern Iredell County. At this writing there are very few of the one-room schools still standing in North Iredell, they are Zion, Liberty, Joyner and Turnersburg. As more information is found it will be put in a file of the Genealogical Society of Iredell County Office, where the public may go and research. Also any additional info will be put in future written church histories.

**B. Zion Post Office-** In an 1895 Atlas found on the Internet there is mention of a Zion Post Office. It was located in Yadkin County. It was still in existence in 1904 when a map was drawn of the Roby Post Office. Little else is know about the Zion Post Office. If someone were to happen upon a envelope, card or other material which had a Zion postmark, I would hope that someone would give a photo copy to be put in our history files

### C. COMMUNION BREAD RECIPE

The following is a recipe for making communion bread found while pilfering through some loose papers in the minutes file cabinet. I remember my mother Olene Trivette making unleaven bread to be used in communion, but I'm not sure what recipe she used. I do remember she used a fork to punch holes in the bread, which helped keep it from rising any by getting out any air inside.

“This recipe came from the Centenary Methodist Church Cook Book.

3 cups flour

2 level tablespoons crisco

water to barely moisten

work thoroughly (important) take piece of dough size of a duck egg, Roll very thin, until print of finger will not show. Place on a cookie sheet. Roll with dress maker tracing wheel to keep from blistering. Cut in small squares with thin sharpe knife. Bake 250-275 degrees until dry. Do not brown. Makes 2,300 pieces.”





## **D. Following is a list of Church Clerks**

Harris Stanley June 4, 1826- August 1826  
Joseph Beamon September 1826 – May 1829  
Bennett Windsor October 1829- 1834

*The records are lost for 1834 –1866*

William Myers March 27, 1866- August 1869  
John J. Jennings September 1869 – March 1878  
W. A. Casey April 1878 – December 1883  
J. M. Crater January 1884- January 1894  
J. Webster Windsor January 1894- October 1896  
W. B. York October 1896 –1899  
REV. E. N. Gwyn October 1899- January 1901  
W. B. York January 1901- January 1916  
G. B. Hemrick January 1916- November 1925  
E. A. Windsor 1925- December 1930  
H. A. Jurney January 1930 – May 1949  
James Parks May 1949-  
A. G. Allen  
Bessie Cook  
Lee Howard  
Carol Gregory Tulbert

## **E. Preachers Ordained**

November 26, 1892 Thomas L. Jennings was ordained and presented  
a Bible.

May 18, 1894- Ordained J. M. Current

1904 - Granted Liberty to Bro. Clint Holcomb to hold religious services as  
the Spirit may direct.

1944- June Bro. Sherman Whitlock was granted liberty to work as he feels  
led by the Spirit of the Lord.

## **F. ZION HAS A DAUGHTER**

In 1847 another church was started out of Zion. We did not know until  
in 1997 one of our sister churches celebrated their 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and  
they did some searching through their minutes and found out that we, Zion



Baptist Church, was not their sister church but was their mother church. In 1847 Zion gave birth to a daughter, which was Holly Springs Baptist Church in Houstonville, NC. In Vol. II I hope to do some more research through their records and find more about the events which took place at that time, their charter members and as much information as possible.



# God Be with You

J. B. RANKIN

ENDEAVOR

W. G. TOMER



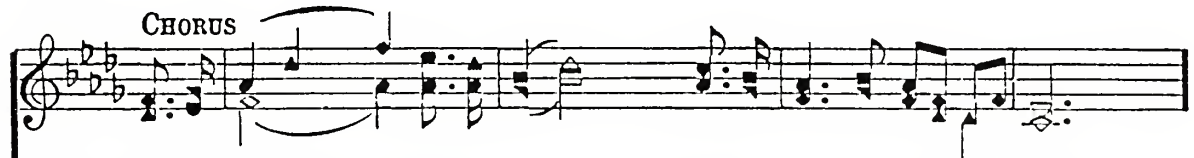
1. God be with you till we meet a - gain, By His coun-sels guide, up-hold you,
2. God be with you till we meet a - gain, 'Neath His wings pro-ject-ing hide you,
3. God be with you till we meet a - gain; When life's per-ils thick confound you,
4. God be with you till we meet a - gain; Keep love's ban-ner float-ing o'er you;



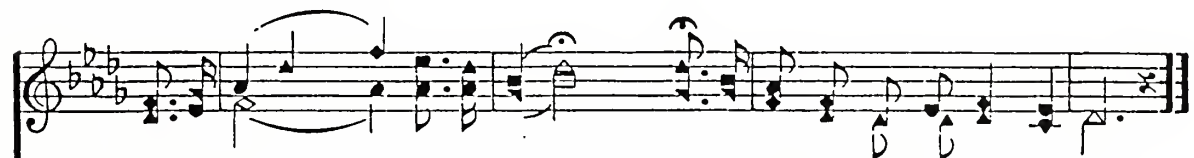
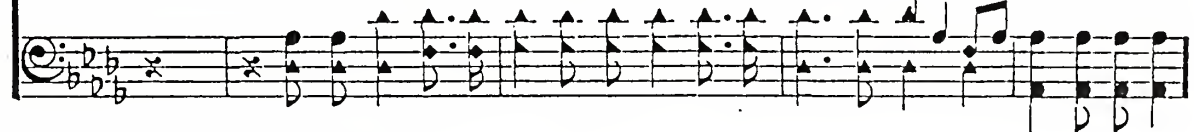
With His sheep se-cure - ly fold you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
Dai - ly man-na still pro-vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
Put His arms un-fail-ing round you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
Smite death's threaten-ing wave before you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.



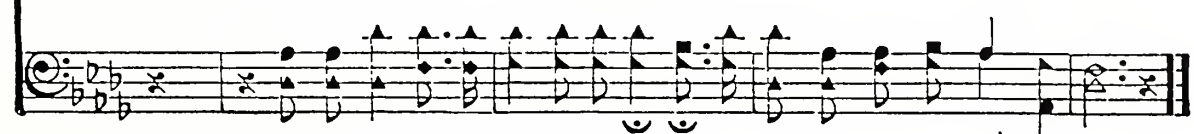
## CHORUS



Till we meet, . . . till we meet, Till we meet at Je - sus' feet;  
Till we meet, till we meet, Till we meet;



Till we meet, . . . till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
Till we meet, till we meet,





## XI. CONCLUSION

Some concluding thoughts:

- 1) We have a rich history here at Zion
- 2) Many people have made many sacrifices over the years.
- 3) A lot of hard work has gone into our church over the years.
- 4) It has taken a lot of PRAYER to get our church to where we are.
- 5) May ALL who come behind us find us as faithful as our predecessors.
- 6) We are in one of the most beautiful settings of any where in the world.
- 7) Have you realized we are one of the last churches to keep wood siding on our sanctuary. There are very few original white frame churches still around. Most have gone to a more permanent siding. Personally I hope we always keep it wood for history sake if for no other. It also has a charm and a beauty that brick or siding doesn't give.
- 8) Hopefully someone will come up with a Vol. II to finish out what has been started here. I hope more folks contribute to the personal memories section next time. That is where the true history is. Also if you have pictures or newspaper clippings of weddings, funerals and births or other information of that type, I would love to get copies. I hope to start work on a scrap book of all present and past church members.
- 9) I apologize for the mistakes made in this work. It has been proofed 3-4 times and mistakes were still found during printing. Also I want to apologize for information and names being left out especially in the pictorial history section. Can you help identify some of the pictures.

Last thought

- 10) As the songs were chosen for the beginning of each section. "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" was picked for the last section and concluding thought.

As we part ways from this meeting on July 8, 2001 from celebrating our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we will never meet again under the same circumstances. Many have departed this life since our last big celebration in 1976. If the Lord tarries many more will not be here for the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2026. May we each make the most of our time together today and always. And if you have made the proper arrangements we will meet again so "GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN"







